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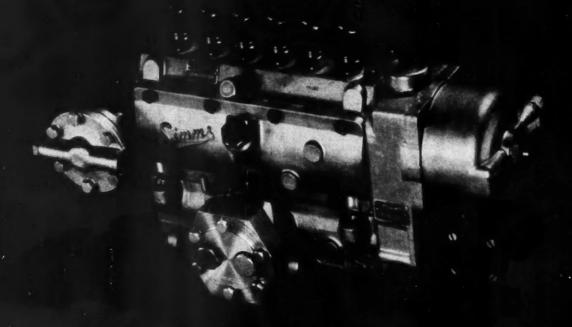
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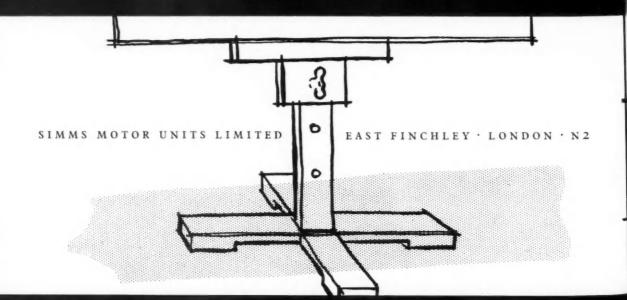
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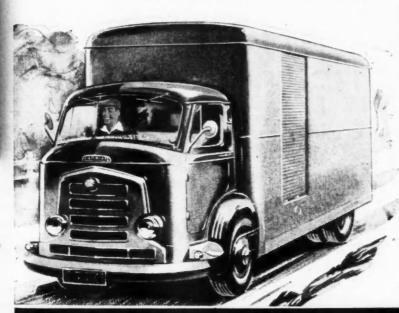


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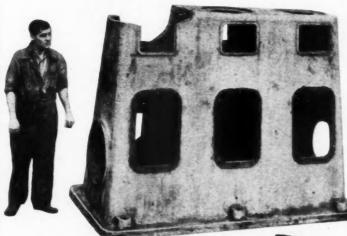
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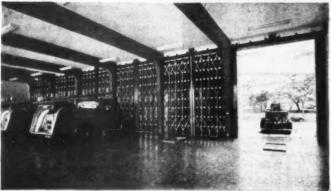
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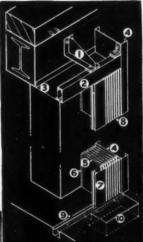
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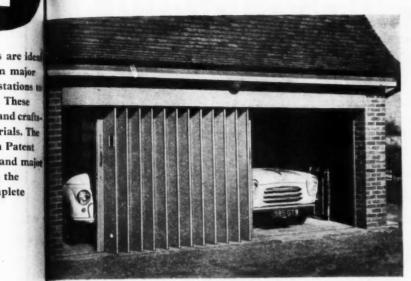
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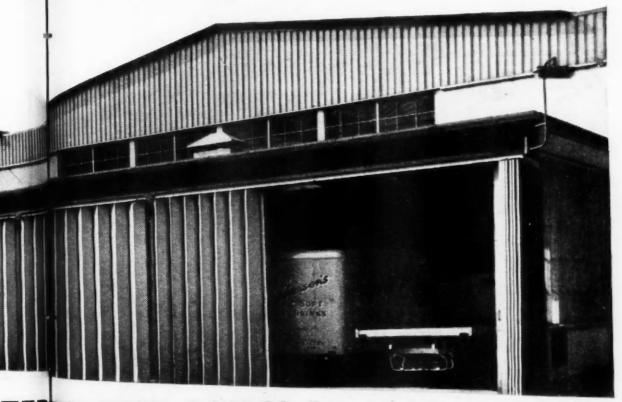
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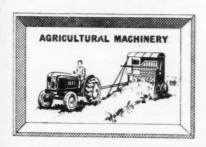
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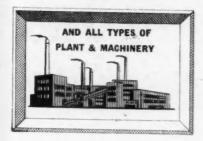












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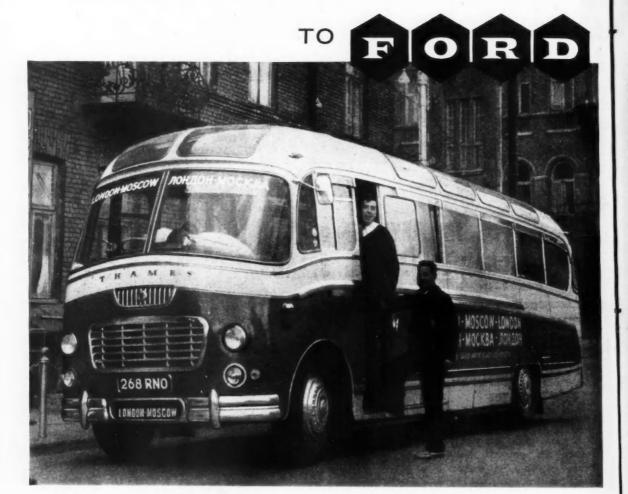
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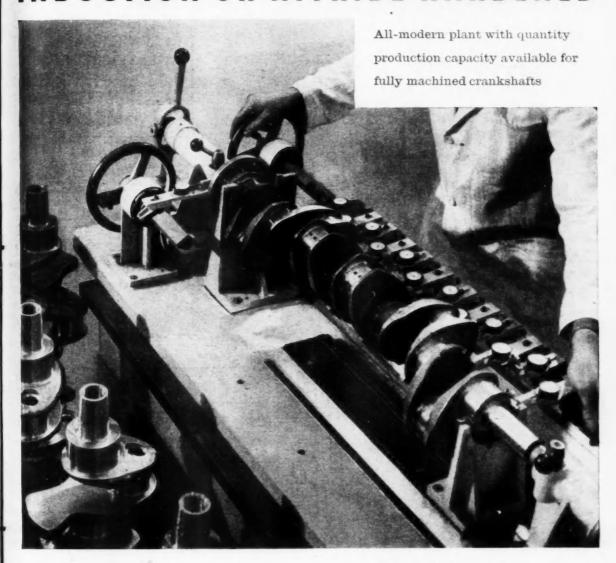
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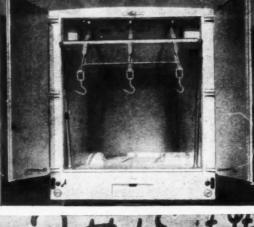
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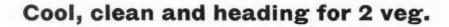
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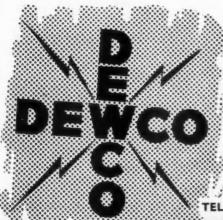






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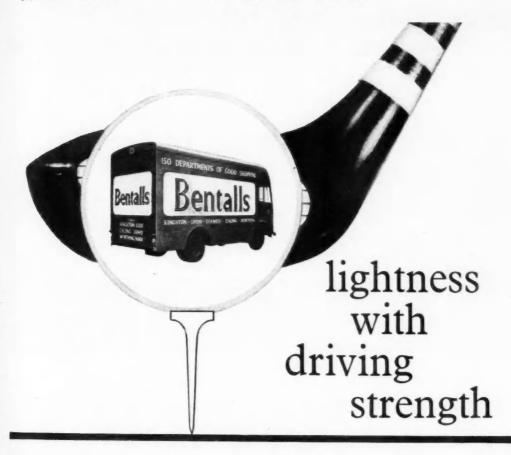
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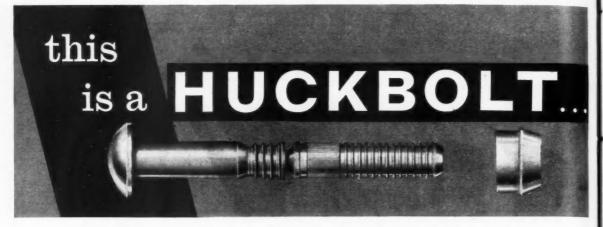
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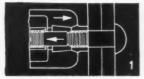
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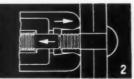
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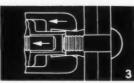
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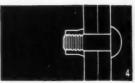


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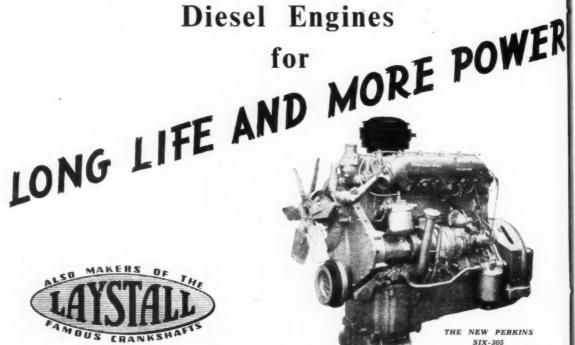
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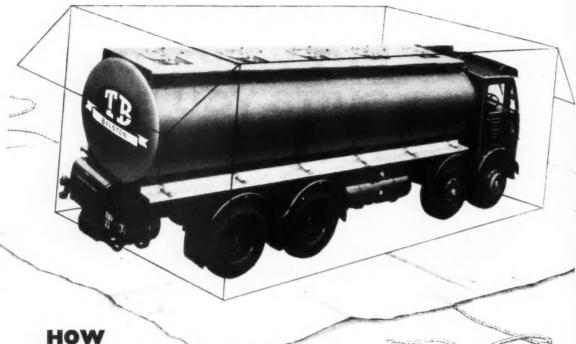
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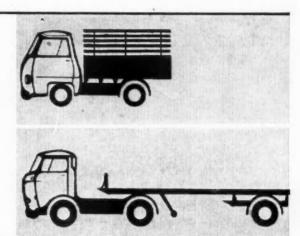
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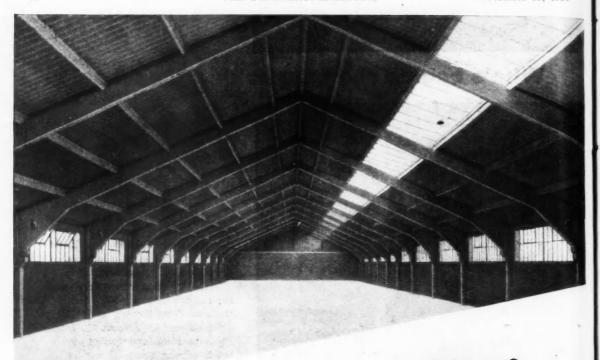
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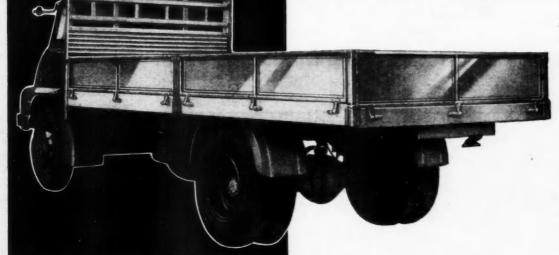
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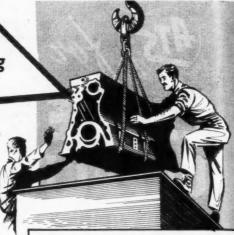
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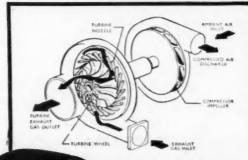
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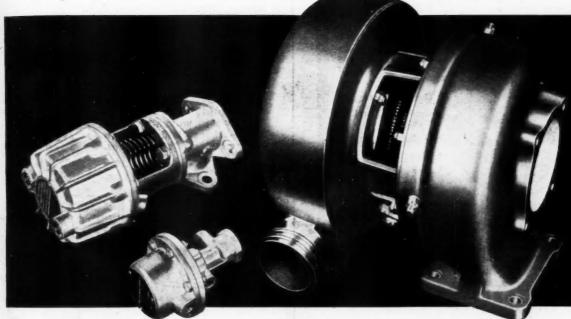
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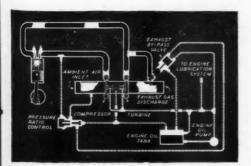
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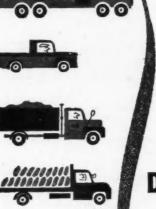
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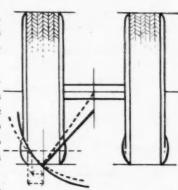
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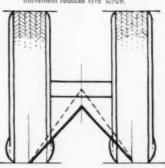
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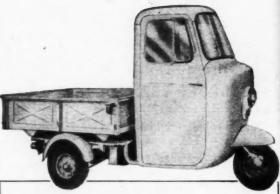
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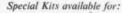
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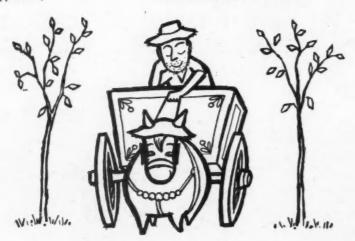
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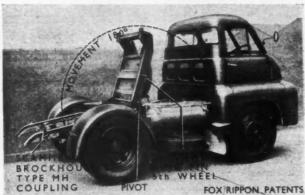
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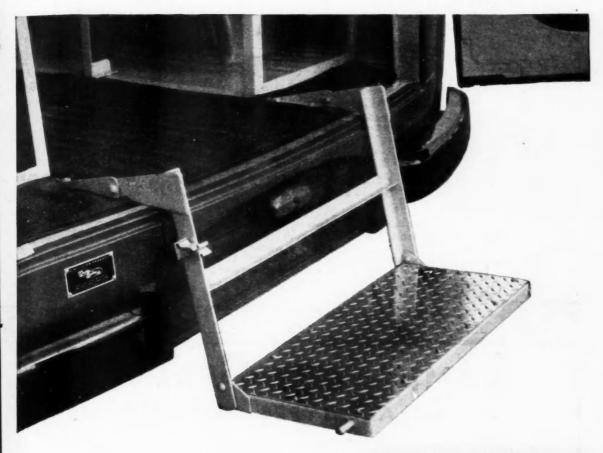
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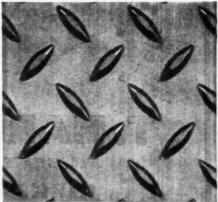
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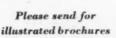
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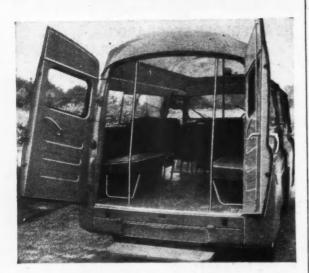
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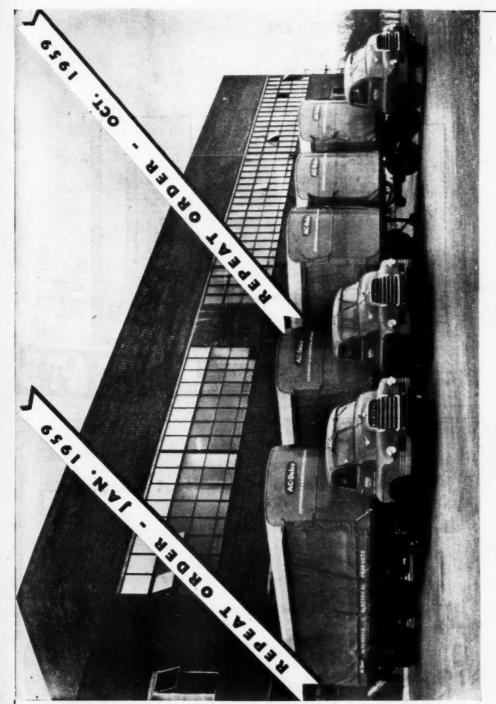
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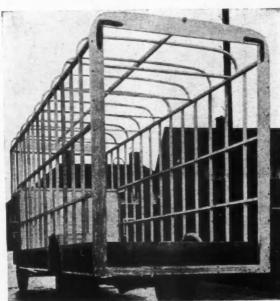
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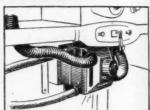
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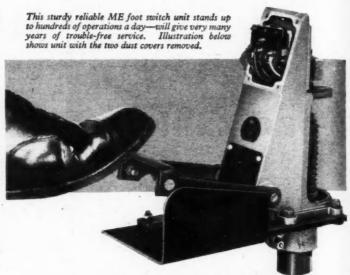
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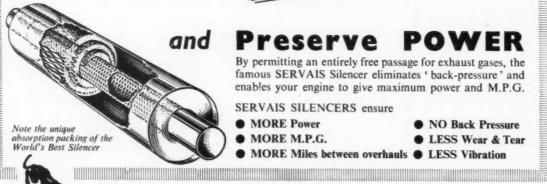
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Safety Run Wild

F practical effect were given to the findings of the High Court in the recent case of Lang v. London Transport Executive, main-road traffic would be brought to a halt. The ruling places an intolerable burden on the driver to anticipate the folly of others, which is an entirely different matter from exercising reasonable vigilance. It is one thing to expect a fool around every corner, but quite another to have to prevent the consequences of his stupidity.

The facts of the case merit a careful examination. A London bus driver was travelling at a moderate speed on a main road towards a junction with a minor road on his left, of which he had a clear view. He saw some cyclists nearing the junction and, presumably relying on the fact that his was undoubtedly the major road, continued at the same speed until he collided at the junction with a motorcyclist whom he had not noticed. The motorcyclist had ignored a "Slow" sign in the side road and was fatally injured. In awarding his widow damages, the judge placed two-thirds of the blame on the motorcyclist and a third on the bus driver.

The judge held that, although the motorcyclist was largely the author of his own misfortune, the bus driver knew that persons sometimes emerged suddenly from side turnings and should have looked twice to make sure that the motorcyclist was conforming to the "Slow" sign. This ruling is at variance with a Scottish decision on an appeal on similar facts. Not for the first time the law of Scotland seems to be more in accord with common sense than the law of England.

Scottish Common Sense

In the Scottish court one judge had evidently doubted whether one could reasonably take the view that a vehicle in the position of the bus was not entitled to hold its course and speed. The second judge had said that, in such a case, a driver was entitled to assume that the driver of the other vehicle would obey the sign. The third judge had held that it would be a pity to give any countenance to the view that a driver on a major road approaching a side road in broad daylight must slow down to 10 m.p.h., or else share the blame for any collision which might occur.

The reasoning that seems to have prompted the judge in the case of Lang v. London Transport Executive to ignore the Scottish precedent was based on some observations in the House of Lords in a later case involving pedestrian crossings, which were of doubtful relevance to the facts of the Lang case.

The roads are cluttered with signs, many of a deplorable verbosity, which carry advertisements, road-safety slogans and direction indicators. They stand cheek by jowl with each other and with brightly lit shop fronts, neon signs and other distractions. The road surface is lined, arrowed and often written upon, and traffic grows heavier, faster and more dangerous all the time. The driver must watch the road ahead and behind, and, if he is a busman, he has the added duty of watching for passengers and listening for the bell.

In the circumstances, one might expect that a driver would be entitled to travel quietly along a main road without having to anticipate the stupidity of others, or else share the blame for an accident. Taken to its logical conclusion, the decision in the Lang case means that a driver can never negotiate a bend at more than about 10 m.p.h., or rely on a green traffic light or even on a policeman's signal. The result of such exaggerated caution would be chaos on the roads of Britain.

Road Transport Vital

SCOTLAND'S own Motor Show, including a commercial-vehicle section, opens today in Glasgow and gives operators north of the Border a chance to examine the latest models on their home ground. Scotland is highly dependent on road transport, for large areas are remote from the railways, but even in the dense industrial zones, where rail facilities are available, road transport is contributing much to the prosperity of the country.

A population of 5m. is served by 98,375 goods vehicles, or one to approximately 50 people. This is a high ratio for a country having a great acreage of virgin land and compares favourably with the proportion of one goods vehicle for every 37 population in England and Wales. British Road Services have a large stake in Scotland's road haulage industry, for out of 11,495 vehicles operated under A, contract-A and special-A licences, 1.779 are owned by the State undertaking.

The strong influence of the British Transport Commission is felt also in passenger transport in Scotland, where about 72 per cent. of the 9,077 buses and coaches are run by eight operators with fleets of more than 200 vehicles each. The percentage of vehicles in large fleets in Scotland is much higher than in any traffic area in England and Wales.

Men Who Make Transport—7



Mr. W. F. Quin, "unique today among the hierarchy of Traffic Commissioners and Licensing Authorities."

Bird's Eye View

Theory and Practice

AT the annual conference of the Institute of Directors in London last week, Sir Alexander Fleck, retiring chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., congratulated the Institute on its successful campaign against the Socialist take-over bid for 600 British companies. So far so good.

But hauliers have a right to expect that deeds will match words in the next five years. It would be ironic, indeed, if industrial protagonists of private enterprise then proceeded to divert their traffic from an industry which has received Ministerial commendation for cutting costs and gave it to a Government-subsidized agency.

In Perspective

THE motoring correspondent of at least one prominent daily newspaper has suggested repeatedly that commercial vehicles on the London-Birmingham motorway will impede the passage of private cars and, therefore, should be banned from it. Thus, it was pleasant to hear Sir Owen Williams, consulting engineer for 55 miles of the project, say: "The economic justification for motorways is their use by commercial vehicles , for the private-car driver they are just a bit of bunce." Q.E.D.

Smoke Screen

THE road-versus-rail controversy takes a practical form where M1 runs close to the railway line north of Weedon. Steam locomotives throw a smoke screen across the road and visibility is dangerously curtailed. The nuisance will be removed when the line is electrified, but, meantime, smoke is an acute hazard for fast-moving traffic.

1,000 Years Back

NOW know what a Wulfrunian is. Mr. A. L. Blower, chairman of Guy Motors, Ltd., explained last week, at the official launching of Guy's new air-sprung disc-braked double-decker, that it was a native of Wolverhampton. The company had to delve down nearly 1,000 years to discover the origin of the town's name, which is derived from the title of Lady Wulfrun,

daughter of the Prince of Mercia, and Hamtun, the name by which her estate was known. The old estate, incidentally, borders the Guy works.

Smooth Riding

THE riding qualities of the new bus are remarkable, and Mr. Robin Guy, whose "baby" it is, justifiably showed a father's pride. I travelled in it and in an old Guy double-decker (lent by Mr. R. H. Addlesee, general manager of Wolverhampton Transport Department) over a bad stretch of road, and the superiority of the Wulfrunian was outstanding. A glass panel in the floor between the rear wheels enabled the working of the air suspension to be watched, as well as felt.

Away with Formality

SUBSTITUTION of dinner-dances for formal dinners, with long speeches, is to be applauded. The West Midland Division of the Traders Road Transport Association followed the lead of the national organization in holding an informal dinner-dance at which one had the opportunity of meeting the distinguished guests, instead of merely listening to them. T.R.T.A. dinner-dance in London, last week, was, as usual, a great success, and in his address of welcome, Mr. S. C. Bond, the president, caught the spirit of the evening.

Going to a Fire?

HOW really free enterprise in the road passenger transport industry in 1919 brought an immediate return in the rattling of coppers in the conductor's bag was related by Mr. J. Crosland Taylor, general manager of Crosville Motor Services, Ltd., to an Institute of Transport gathering in Manchester last week. After the 1914-18 war his company, using Leylands, were being outstripped on the road by a rival, also with a Leyland bus. And in those days the first one to reach the waiting passengers picked up the pennies. A little investigation revealed that the opposition vehicle had a Leyland fire-engine

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HEN eminent counsel submits that an application is an open and closed Section 11 (3)(b) case and one is acting as Licensing Authority for the first time, it is, perhaps, likely that one might be disconcerted. Mr. William Friel Quin was in just that position when he assumed his office in Scotland in 1947 and somewhat uncomfortable he found it. However, to rule that it was a borderline case and slip a discreet, interrogatory note to his clerk was the work of a moment for a man who has spent nearly a lifetime serving on public committees. Mr. Quin is a man who learns fast.

Scotland's Licensing Authority and chairman of Traffic Commissioners is, at 64, a stocky, cheerful individual, with a shock of grey hair that is only partially under control. Behind the spectacles, the eyes dance with merriment and conversation is punctuated with the deep, rumbling laughter of the man who enjoys both telling and hearing a good story. Mr. Quin, a Glasgow-born Scot of Irish extraction, combines the most attractive qualities of both races. He has all the thrust-and-parry wit and the hospitable charm of the Irish: he has, too, the shrewd, well-balanced mental processes of the Scot. He has an unusual fairness of outlook, with the happy knack of discounting non-essentials.

"Wullie" Quin is unique today among the hierarchy of Traffic Commissioners and Licensing Authorities in that his background is a trade-union one. During the war, when he was Deputy Regional Commissioner for Scotland, he was once introduced to King George VI by a colleague as a successful public man of plebeian origin. Slightly resenting the backhanded compliment, Mr. Quin told His Majesty that such was by no means the case: like all Irishmen, he was descended from an ancient line of kings. He is not a man to be trifled with.

Indeed, in his early days he was a boxer of repute. A flyweight, he fought as an amateur, then in the regimental team of the Seaforth Highlanders and for a time as a professional. Perhaps it was here that his judgment,

tenacity and self-control became instinctive.

The greater part of his working life has been devoted to trade-union affairs and, in particular, to the study and operation of industrial welfare schemes. He was for six years a member of the general council of the Scottish Trades Union Congress and its president in 1940. On his appointment to his present office, he was Scottish organizer of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers and welfare adviser to a group of distributive companies. For several years he has been a Justice of the Peace of the City of Glasgow.

His public work took on a national, rather than a sectional, aspect in the early days of the war. He was appointed Deputy District Commissioner for Civil Defence in south-west Scotland in 1940 and Deputy Regional Commissioner a year later. In the years that followed he served on many bodies, including the Scottish Youth Advisory Committee, the National Film Council and the Census of Distribution Committee. His interests in documentary film and welfare work continued after the war years and he has written, lectured and broadcast on these and kindred matters.

By The Hawk

unit. So Crosville acquired a similar engine which gave them a useful increase in speed for the loss of 3 m.p.g.

Only a few days before Mr. Taylor's talk, as readers of *The Commercial Motor* will have noted, Manchester had been the seene of the return of Leyland Motors to the fire-appliance business, this time with a chassis very much tailored for the job. Gone are the days when the bus operator could achieve a reputation for near-magic on the roads by employing an engine largely designed to raise enormous pumping power.

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THE Fighting Vehicles Research and Development Establishment, whose proving ground is frequently used by The Commercial Motor for road tests of cross-country vehicles, has been taken over by the Ministry of Aviation. A possible explanation is that as John Moon, the technical editor, has so often taken off on the course, the Government thought the Establishment would more appropriately come under the heading of aviation.



"We've certainly got a crusty one this morning."

A Family Man

His public duties and his many voluntary services to the community allow Mr. Quin little leisure time. When he is not "on circuit" he travels between his home at Scotstoun, Glasgow, and his offices at Castle Terrace, Edinburgh. He is essentially a family man, a home-loving man. He will chat proudly—emphasizing a point with a wave of a miniature cigar—of his wife, two sons, three daughters and several cheerful grandchildren.

He leaves gardens and golf to younger and more energetic men. His relaxations are entirely intellectual. He is a voracious reader and spends much time with newspapers of every political shade to inform himself of as many points of view as possible. For pure, escapist enjoyment, however, he delights in his cigar, classical music and poetry.

He has a fine collection of the recorded works of Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert and Wagner. Perhaps surprisingly, it is Wagner that he finds the most stimulating and to the martial chords of Siegfried, Parsifal or The Ring he will pace his library, reciting passages from Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Shelley, Keats or Burns. He is fascinated by the music of poetry, heard at its best when declaimed aloud.

In court, Mr. Quin has the reputation of being a rather forbidding, and even a slightly astringent, chairman. He does not welcome the windy verbosity of advocates whose point could be made in two sentences, but he will be patient and helpful when an applicant is not professionally represented. A welcome feature of Mr. Quin's sittings is the break for refreshment in morning and afternoon, "because I can't sit still for three hours."

It is generally agreed by Scottish operators that, although some of the Quin decisions have been surprising (and there have been raised eyebrows, on occasions, at the solicitors' table), they have proved as fair and reasonable as the law allows. There have been disappointed applicants, but none who would say that Mr. Quin had treated them without justice or without sympathy where it was deserved.—T.W.

Bulk Liquid Transport Co. Denied Right to Appeal

AN application for leave to appeal by the Bulk Liquid Transport Co., Ltd., against convictions at Leeds for contravening the drivers' hours regulations (*The Commercial Motor*, March 20 and 27) was dismissed by the Court of Criminal Appeal in London on Monday. The company were also refused leave to appeal against the £20,000 fine and costs which they

had been ordered to pay.

At the same time, applications for leave to appeal against their convictions and sentences by three of the company's employees were refused. These men were: William Jennings, Jubilee Terrace, Morley, driver; Benjamin Skelly, Top Farm, Welbeck West, Ardsley, manager; and Lawrence Ian Hickson, Devonshire Road, Bradford, assistant manager. They had been convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

Charles Kershaw, Gaythorne Avenue, Batley, who had been employed as a foreman by an associated company, was also refused leave to appeal against his conviction of conspiracy to make false drivers' records and his sentence of six months' imprisonment. All four men had been on bail pending the application.

A miscarriage of justice, because the trial judge had not put the cases adequately before the jury, was put forward as ground for leave to appeal by

Mr. F. H. Lawton, Q.C.

A second ground, he added, was that in his summing-up the judge had made some prejudicial remarks about the failure to call any director of the company. This must have influenced the jury. All the men were of excellent character, he added.

The prosecution's case, said Mr. Lawton, centred upon a contract which the company obtained from Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., for carrying sulphuric acid from Billingham to Grimsby.

Legal Schedule

Bulk Liquid's plan was that their tankers should do two trips in 24 hr. with a change of drivers between every trip at Gildersome. That would have been a legal schedule because there was provision for drivers to break for half-hour periods.

Some of the drivers were doing the round trip in 12 hr. and not complaining. Others said they could not do it in 24 hr. The prosecution's case was that the trip required an average speed of 25 m.p.h. which could be maintained only by

breaking the speed limit.

The company claimed that the journey could and was being done legally. They also held that the complaints had come from men with a grievance arising from a trade dispute over the raising of the speed limit on heavy goods vehicles from 20-30 m.p.h. The company also suggested that the evidence of these men should be regarded with suspicion.

Mr. Lawton said that the judge in Leeds had suggested to the jury that they could take it as fact that it was impossible for drivers to do the door-to-door run

in 12 hr. He did not draw attention to opposing evidence which showed that the trip could be done in 11 hr, driving time without breaking the speed limit.

In a case where there was a background of trade dispute, this was not an adequate way to put the defence before the jury, submitted Mr. Lawton. The company said that the cause of the trouble was that certain men were trying to get the work scheduled as a 14-hr. job, and be paid more for it.

Before the new speed limit, it would have taken 14 hr., and because of the new limit they were doing the same work for less pay, added Mr. Lawton.

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At the conclusion of Mr. Lawton's submissions, Lord Parker, Lord Chief Justice, conferred with the other judges and announced: "All applications in this case, both against conviction and sentence, are refused."

MR. MITCHELL RECUPERATES

To enable him to recuperate after a recent serious operation, Mr. R. Morton Mitchell, chief executive officer of the Road Haulage Association, was due to go yesterday to a convalescent home at Hove.

C Vehicles Increase by 33,775

FIGURES issued on Tuesday by the Ministry of Transport show that in the year to September last, the number of C-licensees rose by 11,138 and of C-licence vehicles by 33,775. As the following analysis by unladen indicates, there were increases in vehicles in all classes except those from 2-3 tons:

	Sept., 1959	Sept., 1958	Difference
Operators	555,207	544,069	+ 11,138
Vehicles: Up to 1½ tons 1½-2 tons 2-2½ tons 2½-3 tons 3-4 tons 4-5 tons 5-6 tons Over 6 tons	700,967 91,019 105,980 126,075 58,764 20,431 9,311 12,419	676,455 90,938 108,483 126,435 50,724 18,280 8,521 11,355	+ 24,512 + 81 - 2,503 - 360 + 8,040 + 2,151 + 790 + 1,064
Totals	1,124,966	1,091,191	+ 33,775

END OF "F" LICENCES URGED

THE licensing committee of the Road Haulage Association will have before them next Wednesday a proposal by the livestock functional group that the so-called "F" licence should be abandoned. Livestock hauliers believe that every farmer should have to hold a C licence, whether or not his vehicle is taxed at the preferential rate.

The licensing committee will also discuss decisions of the Transport Tribunal on the appeals of Roberts and Pike,

and other important cases.

"Vehicles Were Not Weighed"

SPECIAL-A vehicles said to have been taken by a representative of K. and B. Motors (Newcastle), Ltd., to a weighbridge in Newcastle upon Tyne on June 19 and October 4, 1957, to be weighed for taxation purposes, were at work in Cumberland on those dates and did not go near Newcastle.

This was alleged at Carlisle last week when Mr. J. A. T. Hanlon, Northern Licensing Authority, held an inquiry to obtain answers to questions posed by the Transport Tribunal. The case followed special-A revocation appeals by Mr. John Scott, Arlecdon, and Mr. Charles Hewitt, Annan, heard by the Tribunal in July.

Mr. Scott told the Authority that he took delivery of vehicle LJR792 from K. and B. Motors on June 18, 1957. He was driving the vehicle all day on June 19, and made three trips delivering bagged cement from Solway Chemicals,

Ltd., Whitehaven, to customers in Cumberland. The vehicle could not possibly have been weighed in Newcastle on

Confirmatory evidence was given by Mr. J. Trevaskas, transport officer, Solway Chemicals, that LJR792 was at the Whitehaven factory loading cement at certain times on that date.

Mr. Hewitt said he took delivery of MNL839 on September 18, 1957, and on October 4 he was driving it himself. It travelled empty from Annan, via Carlisle to Whitehaven and loaded 8 tons of sodium for delivery to Thomas Hedley, Ltd., Newcastle, on October 5. After loading, he returned to Annan for the night before proceeding to Newcastle. The vehicle was not in Newcastle, and neither was it weighed on October 4. Fuel for MNL839 was supplied to

Fuel for MNL839 was supplied to Mr. Hewitt on September 18, said Mr. W. Thompson, director, Border Oil Co. (1956), Ltd., Carlisle. There were two entries in their books for this vehicle on October 4, one early in the day and the

other later.

Mr. E. Waters, managing director of K. and B. Motors, told Mr. Hanlon that he had no questions to ask the witnesses, and would reserve his company's case until the second part of the inquiry on Wednesday.

He added that Mr. I. H. McLaughlin, who was responsible for the weighing of the vehicles, was no longer in the com-

pany's employ.

Mr. Hanlon said that a letter would be sent asking Mr. McLaughlin to attend. He also intended to call Mr. Stephenson, the weighbridge attendant. RE that speci requi opera Thor Thor state Miles experient to qualification of the special state of the special sta

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More Hope for Specialist Makers

REMOVAL of purchase tax and of the threat of renationalization gives hope that more operators will insist on buying specialist vehicles to meet their particular operating costs, says Sir John E. Thornycroft, chairman of John I. Thornycroft and Co., Ltd., in his annual statement, released on Tuesday.

Many C-licence vehicles, he says, have expensive special bodies, and they would last longer if they were originally fitted to quality chassis with a working life equal to that of the bodywork.

It will be a slow process to change the trend of the last few years in the policy of 'buy cheap and scrap quickly'." says Sir John. "But any changes are likely to be to the advantage of quality manufacturers of specialist vehicles."

After explaining the encouragement given to the use of quantity-built vehicles by Government policy, he says that from 1956-58 a great deal was spent by Thornycroft's on tools, jigs and fixtures to reduce labour costs of producing engines, gearboxes and other components. in the hope that sufficient orders would be obtained for vehicles of 4-7-ton payload capacity. Orders were taken at unremunerative prices to try to meet competition and increase turnover, Sir John admits.

By the autumn of 1958, however, it was obvious that supplies could not be obtained in comparatively small quantities at prices that allowed Thornycroft any chance of competing with the popular makers' standard products. The board then decided to intensify efforts in the field of maximum-capacity four-, six- and eight-wheeled chassis and specialist vehicles for home and overseas.

The headquarters of the home and export sales organization is being concentrated at Basingstoke.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November 13-21. - Scottish Show, Kelvin Hall, Glasgow,

December 14.—Institute of Transport Henry
Spurrier Memorial Lecture, 66 Portland Place,
London, W.1.

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January 16-27.—Brussels Show.
March 10-20.—Geneva Show.
April 26-29.—Institute of Transport congress, London.
April 28.—Institute of Transport annual dinner, Dorchester Hotel, London, W. I.
May 3-13.—Mechanical Handling Exhibition, Earls Court, London,
May 17-19.—Public Transport Association annual conference, Scarborough,
July 5-8.—Royal Show, Cambridge,
October 6-16.—Paris Show,
November 3-13.—Turin Show.

Catching the Best Market Prices

PROBLEMS concerning the conveyance of fish to the market in time to obtain the best prices were raised before Mr. W. F. Quin, Scottish Licensing Authority, at Glasgow last week, when Henry Dougal and Son, fishermen, successfully applied for a variation of their limited B licence.

This had permitted them to carry fish, fish boxes and fish gear from Rothesay to Ayr market, but was no longer suitable because of the expanded Ayr trade and advanced market times.

Mr. John Dougal said that it had been necessary to land on the mainland and use had been made of Largs, even though it was unsuitable. Dougal had used their own transport from Largs, but the legality of employing this base had been

They had carried fish for other ships, but when the question of legality concerning the use of Largs arose they made the new application.

Evidence regarding lateness of deliveries at the market was given by the Ayr Fish Salesmen's Association. Mr. T. Rae, a skipper, said that he had used the services of J. Baillie and Sons, who were objecting, but on one occasion they had lost the market. The vehicles used by Baillie were not completely suitable, he added, and he had changed to Dougal.

For the objectors, Mr. R. Mackenzie said that it would require a lorry for every boat if every skipper were to be satisfied.

Ruling in favour of the applicants, Mr. Quin said he had to consider the question of relative efficiency and service. Dougal carried their own fish, but Baillie regarded fish as a subsidiary interest to their major trade.

Largs was added to the licence.

Motorway May Miss Glasgow

COTLAND'S first motorway may S by-pass Glasgow to connect the A74 Glasgow-Carlisle and the A80 Glasgow-Stirling roads. News of this possibility was given last week by Mr. John F. Jones, chief road engineer of the Scottish Home Department, when he visited dual-carriageway road works on the A74 between Beattock and Lockerbie.

Mr. Jones said that if a motorway were built, it would run for about 20 miles from the vicinity of Canderside Toll, halfway between Leshmahagow and Abington on the A74, to Cumbernauld on the A80. A report on the project was to be prepared and sent to the Secretary of State for Scotland.

A total of 16 separate schemes is planned for the A74, which runs from Glasgow via Hamilton and Lockerbie to Carlisle. Mr. Jones said that it was hoped that dual-carriageway roads would reach the border by 1963.

MOTORWAYS-BIG MISTAKE

"I THINK the planning authorities have made a big mistake in building the new motorways," said Ald. A. V. Wolstenholme, Lord Mayor of Sheffield, last week.

"When you cut half an hour off a four-hour journey and then lose it when travelling through a congested town, it seems a waste of time building motorways in such a small country.

"Far better that roads in the cities. towns and villages were improved to relieve the big trouble spots," he said.

COACH OWNER WINS APPEAL

THE Minister of Housing and Local Government has granted an appeal, made by Mr. F. H. Wheeler, Leicester, coach operator, against Leicester City Council's refusal to allow him to use premises in Allington Street for the storage and maintenance of coaches.

Mr. Wheeler had told a public inquiry in August that he had to leave his coaches on open ground where tramps

and boys interfered with them.

The council had refused the application because previously the premises had been used as a foundry, and the noise and vibration had been a nuisance to neighbours.



An Albion Caledonian chassis is the basis of this bulk carrier for malted barley operated by the Bulk Grain Transport Co., Kirkcaldy. The body was manufactured by Duramin Engineering (Lydney), Ltd. It is loaded through hatches in the roof which are sealed for transit. Discharge is by three chutes in the floor.

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Men in the News

MR. D. LESLIE PICKERING becomes general sales manager of Clarkson and Co. (Scotland), Ltd., on December 1.

MR. F. J. ANGROVE has been appointed organizer of the Western Division of the Traders' Road Transport Association.

MR. WALTER BURMANN is to retire from the boards of Ault and Wiborg, Ltd., and General and Industrial Paints, Ltd., at the end of the year.

MR. ALEXANDER GRANT, manager of George and Jobling, Ltd., Hexham, coachbuilders, has retired. He joined the company 38 years ago.

MR. H. HEAP and MR. N. POTTS have been elected president and chairman respectively of the Manchester and District Traffic Association.

MR. CHARLES E. M. HARDIE has been appointed a director of Mann Egerton and Co., Ltd., and of its subsidiary, W. H. Johnson and Sons, Ltd.

MR. G. W. ARTHUR, formerly a London retail representative, has been appointed a district manager in the eastern division of the National Benzole Co., Ltd.

MR. IAN A. Ross has been made a director of Kerry's (Great Britain), Ltd. He will continue as secretary of the company and its subsidiaries, a post he has occupied since 1950.

MR. G. W. IRWIN, secretary of the Eastern Area of the Road Haulage Association for more than 21 years, is to retire at the end of the year. Members are making a presentation to him.

MR. CLIVE FRANCIS has arrived in London from Sydney, Australia, to take up the appointment of London manager of Repco, Ltd. Mr. ROBERT PADDON, the previous manager, returned to the head office in Melbourne last week.

MR. FRANK PERKINS, head of F. Perkins, Ltd., has been elected chairman, and Mr. J. C. Proudfoot managing director, of Ambrose Sharlow and Co., Ltd. The appointments follow the sudden death last month of Mr. T. P. N.

MR. PAUL N. MATTON, managing director of Trico-Folberth, Ltd., left this country last Saturday for a world tour. His itinerary will include visits to the company's new factory at Melbourne and Trico Products Corporation, Buffalo, U.S.A.

Mr. J. D. R. T. TILNEY has been appointed Parliamentary private secre-tary to the Minister of Transport. Mr. J. GARLICK has been made the Minister's principal private secretary, and MR. L. A. PRIOR private secretary to LORD CHESHAM, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry.

MR. H. O. S. BRIDCUTT has been appointed advertisement manager of Temple Press Ltd. Joining the company in 1949 from industry, he became advertisement manager of The Motor in 1950 and deputy advertisement manager of the company in 1957.

MR. W. SMITH, until recently sales manager of the Blackheath branch of Simms Motor Units, Ltd., has been appointed service engineer and factory representative for the company in Australia and New Zealand. He succeeds MR. J. E. MAUND, who is returning to England after seven years overseas.

MR. T. L. BOOTH, previously director and general manager of Hepworth and Grandage (Yeadon), Ltd., has joined the board of the parent company. Mr. H. Forrest, director and works general manager of the Hepworth and Grandage main factory at Bradford, has been appointed to the board of the Yeadon

PROFIT AND LOSS Quicktho (1928), Ltd., £46.453 group net profit after £41.637 tax. Year's dividends 171/2 per cent. E. G. Brown and Co., Ltd., £18,817 net profit after £16,780 tax. Year's dividend 11 11/24 per

Moss Gear Co., Ltd., £235,566 net profit after 233,636 tax. Year's dividends equal to 171/4 per

profit after £1,857,154 tax. Year's dividend

Standard Triumph International, Ltd., £2.223,739 net profit after £1,857,154 tax. Year's dividend 12 per cent.

British Motor Corporation, Ltd., £8,732,417 net profit after £8,392,567 tax. Year's dividend equal to 18.27 per cent.

S. Smith and Sons (England), Ltd., £1,907,739 profit to parent company after £1,673,357 tax. Year's dividends 17½ per cent.

Halifax Passenger Transport Department. £31,004 net surplus. A services (operating entirely within the borough and controlled by the passenger transport committee), gross surplus, £58,832; net surplus after tax, £17,394. B services (operation and the British Transport Commission), £62,386 gross surplus; net surplus after tax, £13,610.

Bradford Transport Commission), £62,386 gross surplus; net surplus after tax, £13,610.

Bradford Transport Department, £60,031 loss. Trolleybuses: Total working expenses, £854,486 (36,41d. per trolleybus-mile); income, £972,421 (41,44d. per trolleybus-mile); income, £972,421 (19,444). Per trolleybus-mile); income £968,686 (41,44d. per bus-mile); income £968,686 (41,44d. per bus-mile); income £968,686 (41,44d. per bus-mile); income £768,686 (41,44d. per bus-mile); some feets debt, tax and other charges, £764. Mileage: Trolleybuses, 5.6m.; motorbuses 5.6m.; Passengers: Trolleybuses, 66.2m.; motorbuses, 60.2m.

Linking Irregularities Admitted

THERE had been technical irregularities for many years in the linking of destinations, admitted Mr. H. Backhouse, for a number of Oldham coach operators, to the North Western Traffic Commissioners last week.

Prompted by the Commissioners' general proposals to attach conditions to licences to prohibit unauthorized linking. the operators in this town had their turn to apply to modify their licences.

They sought the following links: Llandudno, Rhyl and Colwyn Bay; York-Bridlington; Chester-Rhyl; York-Scarborough; Windermere - Keswick; Morecambe-Keswick, Blackpool, Cleveleys and Fleetwood; and Buxton-Matlock.

Mr. Backhouse added that irregularities were not serious unless there had been deviations from licensed routes, or if journeys had been altered in character.

Acquisition of the shares of Merriway Tours, Ltd., by Mr. Hubert Allen, managing director, Yelloway Motor Services, Ltd., and Creams (Lancashire), Ltd., had led to the withdrawal of Merriway's application, Mr. Backhouse continued.

Merriways were now regarded as being "in the enemy camp." He had instructed

his clients to refuse to answer questions concerning alleged irregularities by Mr. Allen. The proper procedure was through the enforcement department.

Cross-examined by Mr. R. Oswald, for British Railways, Mr. Harry Stott, of Stott's Tours and H. Ramsden, Ltd., said that, as far back as he could remember, destinations had been linked when it was considered uneconomical to run singly. Picking-up points in Oldham on the licences of many operators had been used interchangeably.

Questioned on the use of more vehicles than authorized during the holiday fortnight. Mr. Stott said that this had been done for a long time. He wanted to be in line with all the other Oldham operators and link when he thought fit.

Objecting for Ribble Motor Services, Ltd., and others, Mr. F. D. Walker pointed out that in July, excursion operators had been forbidden to link in any way which involved deviation from authorized routes, and yet Stott's had taken no notice.

The Commissioners decided that each application should be dealt with individually later.

Car Transporter Run to Italy

PLANS to set the first car-transporter service between this country and Italy into action are nearing completion. Mr. Peter Grant, Penwortham, Preston, plans to use two articulated transporters to carry Standard and Triumph cars to Naples, and he is negotiating to carry return loads of Lambretta motor scooters to this country.

The project has two claimed over present shipping advantages methods. It will ensure delivery within five days, whereas the old method took between 14 and 21 days, and it will be

Cars will be covered in cheaper. plastics envelopes to ensure that they can be wheeled directly into the show-

rooms without cleaning.

Mr. Grant plans to use an Austin 5-tonner prime mover and a Commer 7-ton tractor. The Austin will be operated in conjunction with a 30-ft.long Brockhouse transporter, and he is awaiting delivery of a Taskers semi-trailer to work with the Commer. This transporter will be fitted with Burtonwood superstructure which will incorporate mechanical lifting gear.

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L.T.E. Automatic Bus Washer

NEW automatic bus - washing A machine has been developed and put into operation at the London Transport Executive garage at Harrow Weald. It is a prototype, but the design will be followed for all new washing installations at L.T.E. depots.

Only one operator is required, which represents a saving of six men in a typical 100-bus garage. The apparatus is controlled by a selenium cell. As the bus breaks the light beam, which shines on to this cell, a series of timed relays is actuated.

Rinsing of the bus roof from a perforated pipe is the first operation. The pipe has extensions at each end which spray the front and back of the vehicle for a predetermined time, while the operator brushes the front or back of the bus manually.

When the water flow ceases, the bus is driven forward towards a Februat washing machine, but before entering the roof is cleaned under a felt squeegee.

The bus then passes slowly through the washer, where its sides are sprayed with water and cleaned by nylon brushes. The Februat machine is standard except for the provision of two extra brushes each side to give more effective cleaning of the lower skirting panels.

The apparatus is then automatically switched off after a set period. Average time for the combined sequence of automatic operations is a minute. Apart from the saving in labour and time, the new equipment saves electricity and water.

The prototype was devised by L.T.E. engineers under the direction of Mr. K. G. Shave, rolling stock engineer (road services), to the requirements of Mr. A. A. M. Durrant, chief mechanical engineer (road services).

MANY SUPPORTERS FOR TARTAN

NUMBER of representatives of A widely differing industries gave supporting evidence of need for collection and delivery facilities when Tartan Arrow Services, Ltd., applied for a B licence for two vehicles, to be acquired, at Glasgow last week.

The vehicles, totalling 8 tons, were sought to handle collections and deliveries within 30 miles of base, to link with the company's trunk services to Glasgow. Mr. J. Law, for Tartan, said that he hoped to present evidence which would comply with the Munro appeal.

Evidence was offered by Mr. P. Friebe, for Smith and McLaurin, Ltd., paper-makers, who said that his company had debited Tartan for failure to maintain regular services. Mr. W. Mitchell, transport manager, Clydesdale Supply Co., Ltd., said that there was need for supplementary facilities to move goods from the Tartan depot at Chryston.

Mr. John Wilson, a representative of Decca Radio, referred to the highly competitive nature of radio and television business and the need for extra facilities.

The hearing was to be continued.



Messrs. David Bros., Wapping, operate this outfit for the delivery of Dunlop tyres from Birmingham to the Austin factory at Longbridge and the Morris plant at Oxford, using either an Austin or a Morris tractor. The load is made up of 5.20-10 tyres for the B.M.C. baby car. These are palletted for quick handling.

Refusal a Favour to Applicants

REFUSING an application by Haley (Haulage), Ltd., Bradford, for an extra vehicle on A licence to carry woollen textiles between Goole and Bradford, Mr. J. H. Randolph, Yorkshire Deputy Licensing Authority, last week told them that he was probably doing them a favour.

The British Transport Commission. objectors, alleged that Haley were being forced by various shipping and forwarding agents to carry at ridiculously low rates.

It was impossible to obtain hired haulage at short notice to collect imported wool from Goole docks, said Mr. Barker, a director of Haley. He denied that hauliers were refusing work because the rate was low, but agreed he had approached only members of the Road Haulage Association in the Bradford

Mr. Dawson, of Lep Transport, said that there was intense competition between shipping and forwarding agents. and that they had to bargain with haulage contractors to get rates down. He accused British Railways of rate-cutting. In recent months they had started offering extremely keen prices.

For the applicants, Mr. P. Kenny suggested that the allegation of ratecutting was a red herring invented by B.R. His clients were being paid the standard rates.

Mr. Randolph said there was no lack of haulage. The wool traffic was being handled by sub-contractors.

Multi-fuel Engines Demonstrated

A DEMONSTRATION of the progress which has been made in this country in the development of multi-fuel engines took place on Tuesday at the Fighting Vehicles Research and Development Establishment, Chobham.

Representatives from Commonwealth countries, N.A.T.O., British industry and the Services heard a number of papers and saw both a static exhibition of engines and components, and a show of vehicles with multi-fuel engines running on a variety of fuels.

Three new engines, intended from the outset as multi-fuel units, have been developed by Leyland Motors, Ltd., Coventry Climax, Ltd., and Rolls-Royce, Ltd. Both the Leyland and Coventry Climax designs are vertical supercharged two-stroke units with opposed pistons.

Rolls-Royce initially experimented with

the conversion of their existing fourstroke petrol engine, but this line of development was discontinued. They are now proceeding with the design of new engines, known as the K range, which follow the two-stroke, twin-crankshaft layout.

The Leyland six-cylindered design has a capacity of 19 litres and produces 700 b.h.p. at 2,400 r.p.m., and 1,600 lb.-ft. torque at 1,500 r.p.m. on either diesel fuel or 80-octane petrol. A threecylindered configuration is used for the Coventry Climax 1-litre engine, which has achieved an output of 38 b.h.p. at 3,000 r.p.m., and 63 lb.-ft. torque at 1,700 r.p.m. on both types of fuel. The Rolls-Royce engine is not yet complete.

Westlake and Co., Ltd., Rye, and various manufacturers have converted a number of engines to multi-fuel running.

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Traffic from Reopened Mines

THE reopening of Overtown and Cuthill mines meant much more transport for the National Coal Board and the Scottish Gas Board. Mr. W. F. Quin, Scottish Licensing Authority, was told this at Glasgow last week, when Gordon B. Caldwell, Ltd., Wishaw, were granted six new Blicensed vehicles.

The company sought a licence for eight vehicles to carry coke, solid fuel, building and road materials, said Mr. R. Mackenzie, for the applicant.

There was a potential volume of 200-1,100 tons per week from Overtown, said Mr. John Marshall, managing director. The company already operated three B- and five A-licensed lorries and had specialized in the development of longwheelbase tippers capable of carrying high tonnages.

Evidence was given of hiring to the value of £12,000 on a turnover of £25,200, which Mr. Mackenzie described as the highest proportion of hiring submitted to the court for a long time.

Mr. John Sherriff, deputy transport superintendent of the Scottish Gas Board, said that there was new traffic in bringing coke from gasworks into Glasgow. There were prospects of increasing work and the Board sought vehicles of the largest

possible bulk carrying capacity.
Objecting on behalf of William
Carmichael, Ltd., Mr. J. Law said that
they operated 80-90 vehicles. They had lost the ash and rubbish carrying work in March, 1959. Carmichael had a periodic surplus of suitable vehicles. They could undertake the new coke traffic.

Similar evidence was offered by the other objectors, who indicated that vehicles were available for the new traffic and for backloading. Mr. Law said that the Gas Board might consider offering such work for public tender in future, and argued that road and building materials should be excluded from the proposals.

Summing up, Mr. Mackenzie claimed that an operator, whether holding A or B licences, was equally entitled to flexibility to allow interchange of vehicles.

A grant was made for six vehicles for solid fuel from non-rail sites, coke from gasworks into Glasgow, and road and building materials in Glasgow and adjacent areas.

Charges Might be Waived

CHARGES to operators for the use of a proposed bus station at Spennymoor, County Durham, might be waived for 10 years if they represented too great a difficulty, it was stated at an inquiry before the Northern Traffic Commissioners last week when the local council's plans were challenged by 19 operators.

These included United Automobile Services, Ltd., the Northern General Transport Co., Ltd., Ribble Motor Services, Ltd., the Sunderland District Omnibus Co., Ltd., and Durham District Services, Ltd.

The council were said to regard a station off the streets as highly desirable, but operators running buses through the town stated that they had no wish to use it. Others whose services terminated

there, and who would be obliged to employ the station, thought that through

operators should be similarly directed. Mr. T. G. Thompson, of Wilkinson's Motor Services, remarked that he had spent many hours in the traffic courts applying for additional picking-up points and small sections of route.

"I cannot see any reason why, because of the provision of a bus station, I should lose a portion of my route," he told the Commissioners. Other small operators spoke of the loss of revenue they would

The Commissioners were told that a total of £4,015 had already been spent on the station, and that another £7,000 would be needed to complete it.

The inquiry was adjourned.

New Transport Companies

ator Transport, Ltd. Cap. £2,000. Dirs.: Lucey, Great Elm, near Frome, and B. P.: y, King's Head Inn, Coleford, Bath. Se.: orman. Reg. office: 1 South Parade, Bath. M. P. Lucey Harvey, King G. Norman. G. Norman. Reg. office: 1 South Parade, Bath.
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Garth Head. Cumwhinton, Carlisle. Sec.: J. A.
Bainbridge, Reg. office: Garth Head, Cumwhinton.
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Darby, Liverpool, 12. Reg. office: 18 Irby Road,
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Ridgewood Transport (Upton), Ltd., Cap. £10,000. Dirs. C. E. R. Jones and Mrs. H. Jones, Ridgewood, Waggon Lane, Upton, Yorks. Sec.: H. Jones. Reg. office: Ridgewood, Waggon Lane, Upton.

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E. Maser, Ltd. Cap. £12,000. Dirs.: E. Macer and Mrs. D. Macer, Shenstone, Warren Avenue, Knottingley, Yorks. Sec.: D. Maeer. Reg. office: Shenstone, Warren Avenue, Knottingley.

Maybourne and Murrell, Ltd. Cap. £1,000. Dirs.: S. J. Maybourne and Mrs. E. M. Maybourne westdene, Staplehurst, Kent. L. H. Murrell and Mrs. M. Murrell, Shawlands, Staplehurst, Kent. Sec.: E. M. Maybourne. Reg. office: Westdene, Staplehurst.

Parcel Delivery Service, Ltd. Cap. £5,000. Dira.:
A. H. Nottingham, D. L. Nottingham, and G. P. Nottingham, 3 Granley Road. Cheltenham: and B. H. Nottingham, 4 Pennsylvania Avenue. Cheltenham. Reg. office: 3 Granley Road, Cheltenham.

Eastbourne. Coechways, Ltd. Cap. £5.000. Subs.: E. H. Ive, South Winds, Robertsbridge, Sussex; and F. W. Marshall, 35 Gildredge Road, East-bourne.

Transfer Application Adjourned

AFTER hearing evidence on behalf of Double Ess Transport, Ltd., Thornton, Bradford, Mr. J. H. A. Randolph, Yorkshire Deputy Licensing Authority, granted an application for adjournment made by British Railways.

Mr. A. R. Sutton said that Double Ess wanted two tippers on special-A licence to be transferred to ordinary A licence. The normal user was coal and coke for West Riding coalfields to Lancashire, Durham and Scotland, and from Derbyshire to Yorkshire.

For the railways, Mr. T. B. Atkinson told the Authority that letters which had been read were from railways' customers. He could not accept the suggestion that road vehicles were required for longdistance coal haulage. He also requested that earnings from coal and coke traffic be analysed.

LIMITS TO LICENCE

UNTIL recently the holder of an A licence had thought that he was entitled to accept any kind of traffic offered for any destination: now he found that he might be committing an offence by carrying anything different from that declared when his licence was renewed, said Mr. B. B. Marsland, secretary, Birmingham Horse and Motor Vehicle Owners' Association, at Edgbaston last week

"We also object to the employer being prosecuted for something he has never condoned," added Mr. Marsland when he referred to instances of hauliers being prosecuted when a driver had kept false

Mr. Marsland urged members to press their M.P.s to seek legislation to put "these injustices" right.

NO EXPANSION BY CONVERSION

FLEETS should not be built up by the conversion of vehicles, Mr. W. F. Quin, Scottish Licensing Authority, told Mr. J. Law, for Messrs. J. and R. Wright, Glasgow, last week.

The firm were applying for variation of an A licence for a vehicle of 21 tons in place of a 1½-tonner. Mr. Quin recalled that similar changes had gradually increased fleet capacity. The firm handled fruit, vegetables and groceries in the Glasgow area, and sought to replace petrol units by oilengined vehicles.

The experiment of using a small van in place of a platform vehicle had not proved successful, and they sought to re-convert to platform operation. application was granted.

BRISTOW APPEAL POSTPONED

THE appeal by C. Bristow, Ltd., 123 Solebay Street, London, E.C.3, against the revocation by the Metropolitan Licensing Authority of A and special-A licences for 47 of their vehicles has been postponed until November 20.

When the revocations were announced in August, it was stated that they would not take effect until after the appeal

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More Coaches to London Would Hit Railways

THE railways would lose £13,000 a year if the Yorkshire Pool of coach operators added five vehicles in each direction to London services, Mr. J. Beaumont, for British Railways, told the Yorkshire Traffic Commissioners last week.

The Commissioners reserved their decision on the Pool's application to expand the services. Mr. W. Hargrave, for the applicants, said that the facilities, which ran either via the Great North Road or the

Midlands, had begun in 1935. They had been resumed after the war with four vehicles daily in each direction, plus nine duplicates during the summer.

Two additional summer vehicles were added in 1956, at which time the Minister Transport had observedthat a 1935 decision on dupli-

The Wulfrunian 75-seater (right) and the Warrior tipper (below) are models to be seen in the Guy exhibits at the Scottish Motor Show, opening today in Glasgow. A review of vehicle exhibits appears on pages 507-513.





cation was not inflexible, Mr. Hargrave reminded the Commissioners.

There were many advance bookings. Mr. T. Jackson, assistant traffic manager. West Yorkshire Road Car Co., Ltd., said that the traffic managers of the Pool concerns had estimated extra business as 200 passengers a day.

Mr. Beaumont submitted that longdistance services were of the greatest importance to the railways. The application was of much concern to them. particularly as on Fridays and Saturdays during July and August the trains from Yorkshire to London were not short of seat4

FORD BUY FROM HAWKER

AS part of their £75m. modernization and expansion programme, the Ford Motor Co., Ltd., have acquired the former aircraft factory in Sutton Lane. Langley, Bucks, from Hawker Aircraft, Ltd. A large part of the factory has been rented by Ford's parts division since 1948. It has been used for reconditioning engines and making spare parts.

Another 400,000 sq. ft. of floor space will become available.

Pipelines' Impact on Transport

THE impact which pipelines would have on other means for transport was examined at the European conference of Ministers of Transport, in Paris, last month. The Ministers instructed their deputies to make a general study of the situation.

On the question of road safety, the Ministers adopted a resolution favouring member countries' adherence to the Geneva agreements concerning road traffic and technical equipment. They were also in favour of adopting a uniform speed limit in built-up areas, and welcomed steps taken to draw up a European Highway Code.

It was noted that, since the beginning of 1958, there was no longer any relation between the development of industrial production and the demand for transport by rail or inland waterways. Road traffic, however, being less sensitive to fluctuations in mass transport movements, continued to increase.

S.O. to Have Central Maintenance

WORKSHOP activities of Scottish Omnibuses, Ltd., will be centralized at a 10-acre site which has been acquired at Marine Gardens, Portobello, Edinburgh. The change-over will cost about

The plan will bring under the one roof the engineering and mechanical staffs at present situated at the New Street depot, and the coachbuilding and painting sections at present occupying another part of the Marine Gardens site. The New Street depot will revert to being a bus garage.

Plans for a new Glasgow Corporation bus garage at Marine Gardens are also well advanced.

MORE VEHICLES IN HUNGARY

THE number of vehicles in Hungary is to increase by 80,000-85,000 during the next five years, says a report from Budapest. "While maintaining the priority of the railways, the proportion of transport by lorries and coaches must increase," it adds.

It is expected that by 1965 there will be an increase of 40-50 per cent, in goods and 38 per cent, in passengers travelling by road and rail. To meet the increase in passenger traffic, 5,000 more buses will be needed.

The length of dust-free roads suitable for passenger vehicles must be increased by about 3,100 miles, it is stated.

LEYLAND'S £300,000 ORDERS

ORDERS from Iran to the value of nearly £300,000 have been received by Leyland Motors, Ltd. The contracts call for 50 Comet haulage and tipper chassis, 30 Super Comet tipper and dump-truck chassis, and 35 Super heavyhaulage and tractor chassis with powerassisted steering.

The receipt of a £90,000 contract for fleet of buses brings the total bus orders obtained by the company in the past two years from the Ceylon Transport Board to more than £1m. The new contract calls for 60 Comet passenger chassis with O.350 oil engines.

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Clearing House "Unsatisfactory"

THE handling of perishable market produce from Jersey by a clearing house in Southampton proved unsatisfactory, Mr. S. W. Nelson, Western Licensing Authority, was told at Bristol last week when Service Transport (Shaftesbury), Ltd., applied to add two vehicles to their A licence.

For Service Transport, Mr. T. D. Corpe said that the application was made to satisfy the requirements of one customer, Simpson and Co. (Jersey), Ltd., St. Helier, who were marketers of all the produce grown in Jersey. The company had formerly used Southampton and other ports, but had found transport Railways arrangements unsatisfactory. were not suitable because of the delays to perishable goods.

Mr. Alan Peel, manager and secretary of Simpson, said that on one occasion fruit had been forwarded from Southampton in furniture vans. His organization wanted to continue using Weymouth as a port if they could get sufficient trans-Mr. Peel said that he had approached British Road Services at Portsmouth but they had stipulated that Simpson must use one shipping line. As that line was a competitor to his own company, he could not agree.

The applicants had been handling Simpson's goods for seven months, said Mr. Corpe. The traffic was worth many

thousands of pounds a year.

A representative of British Railways said that Guernsey tomato forwarded their produce by rail through a central agency. He agreed that the growers had no choice in the matter because of an agreement with their marketing board. Jersey growers, who had a choice, elected to use road transport.

Granting the application, Mr. Nelson said that the traffic was putting a great deal of money into the British Transport Commission by the use of their ships from Jersey to Weymouth. Perishable goods must catch the market on time so as to take advantage of the higher

prices, he added.

New Noise and Vehicle Tests

NOISE, vehicle tests, goods-vehicle licensing, diesel smoke, land-acquisition powers and bridges were among the matters dealt with by Mr. Ernest Marples, Minister of Transport, in reply to questions in the House of Commons last week.

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Noise Tests: Technical officers of the Ministry of Transport were collaborating with the International Standards Organization to establish practical methods of measuring traffic noise, said Mr. Marples. New systems of measurement were provisionally agreed at a meeting in Stuttgart last summer. In common with other countries, Britain was testing them. A new series of tests was to be carried out on a wide range of production vehicles, beginning last week.

ning last week. Vehicle Tests Soon: Mr. Marples hoped within a few days to approve the regulations governing the appointment of garages and

governing the appointment of garages and local authorities to undertake tests of vehicles more than 10 years old. He intended to start the statutory test on a voluntary basis not later than the end of February. He would allow reasonable time before making it an offence to use a 10-year-old vehicle without a test certificate.

Licensing Inquiry? Mr. G. Nabarro (Con., Kidderminster) asked the Minister what action he proposed to take on licensing as a result of the publication of the report of the Ministry inquiry into goods transport. When Mr. Marples replied that he was not proposing to take any action, Mr. Nabarro pointed out that the present licensing system dated from the early 1930s, when road tem dated from the early 1930s, when conditions were entirely different from conditions were entirely different from those today. Mr. Marples promised to study the

Ministry report.

Diesel Smoke: He promised to examine also Diesel Smoke: He promised to examine also a suggestion by Mr. Gresham Cooke (Con., Twickenham) to simplify the task of the courts in establishing that excessive smoke was emitted by an oil-engined vehicle. Mr. Gresham Cooke proposed that the Construcoresnant Cooke proposed that the Construc-tion and Use Regulations should be amended by adding a reference to "annoyance or inconvenience" in Clause 79. He said it was almost impossible, under present condi-tions, for the police to prosecute, because they had to prove that the smoke caused danger, injury or damage. danger, injury or damage.

Quicker Road Building: Answering Mem-

bers who urged the speedier construction of c32

roads by the reduction of delays in the preliminary stages, the Minister said he hoped that Parliament would support him if he had

that Parliament would support nim n ne nau to ask for new statutory powers.

Seeing for Himself: Mr. Marples said he proposed to see for himself the latest methods of design and construction of bridges being adopted abroad. He would be accompanied and advised by independent leading bridge designers from Britain. He leading bridge designers from Britain. He had asked the president of the Institution of Civil Engineers to nominate advisers.

Motorway Delay: Difficulties over statutory

processes had prevented the construction of the Bristol-Birmingham motorway being started two months ago, said the Minister. processes Meanwhile, experience on other motorways had suggested some changes in specification, and contracts had to be revised. Tenders were returnable by January Work was 8.

were returnable by January 8. Work was expected to begin next March.

The 22-mile Ross spur from Ross-on-Wye to the A38 road south of Worcester should be opened next August. The Queenhill Bridge across the River Severn would be completed in November next year, but one carriageway would be in use in August. Work on the 28-mile extension towards Rismingham chauld begin part March Birmingham should begin next March.

RAILWAY'S ROAD STATISTICS

THE road fleet of British Railways totals 15,358 vehicles, made up of 4.831 rigids, 52 tractors, 10,475 articulated units and 29,800 semi-trailers. This information is given in the latest edition of "Facts and Figures About British Railways."

During 1958, railway road vehicles carried more than 23m. tons of goods and more than 167m. parcels. Maintenance is carried out at 18 depots and 210 outstations.

BIG CLAIM ON FORD

THERE is to be another meeting next Tuesday between the Ford Motor Co., Ltd., and representatives of 22 unions who are claiming higher wages, a shorter working week and three weeks' annual paid holiday. An offer is reported to have been made by the company on Monday.

"Pirates" Threaten **Bus Workers**

PRIVATE-CAR owners, whom he described as "pin-money pirates," were threatening the livelihood of bus workers, said Mr. George Brook, general manager, North Western Road Car Co. Ltd., in Manchester on Tuesday.

On certain of our services we believe that car owners are accepting payment from fellow-workers for taking them to and from work regularly," he said.

This had already compelled the company to withdraw one workmen's service. Several other services were also being reviewed, and might have to be abandoned or pruned if private-vehicle owners continued to drain the buses of passengers.

Mr. Brook would not specify the services, because the company might seek legal redress against some car owners

The company had been compelled to withdraw a workmen's service between Congleton and Woodford, Cheshire. This had been introduced in 1957 after urgent representations had been made on behalf of aircraft workers at the Avro factory, Woodford.

OBJECTORS ALLEGE TRESPASSING

WHEN Lingley's Sale Away Touring Co., Ltd., applied to the North Traffic Commissioners on Western Tuesday to move certain picking-up and setting-down points, allegations were made by the objectors that Lingley's were trespassing on their area.

The Dragon Motor Engineering Co., Ltd., claimed that one of the proposed points was only 200 yd, away from theirs. A grant of the application would cause

abstraction of traffic.

Mrs. A. Crocker, a director of Dragon, said that it had been the concern's intention to make a counter-application, but as one of the chief witnesses had become ill this had to be withdrawn.

Mr. F. Williamson, chairman, said that the application would be granted, and observed that the Old Trafford area warranted more tours facilities.

WORKERS WANT A SAY

UNION representatives of Glasgow's 7,000 transport workers decided last week that there will be no "operation without consultation" of the 169 new 72-seat buses ordered by the transport department. They want to voice opinions on the number of standing passengers the buses are to carry.

Mr. E. R. L. Fitzpayne, general manager of the department, said that it was too early to say what was going to happen. The new buses were not due to come into operation until December,

1961.

FIRESTONE FACTORIES

FACILITIES for manufacturing synthetic rubber will be set up in India by the Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co., Ltd. The Indian Government have given approval for the project, which will have an annual capacity of 30,000 tons.

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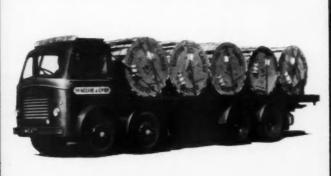
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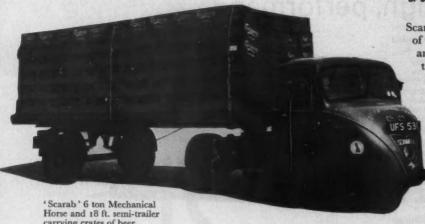
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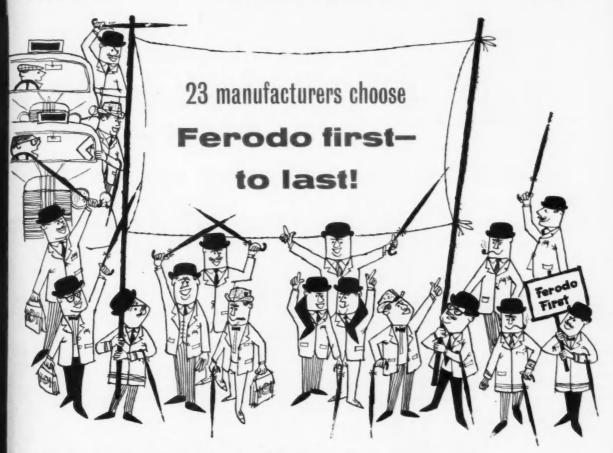
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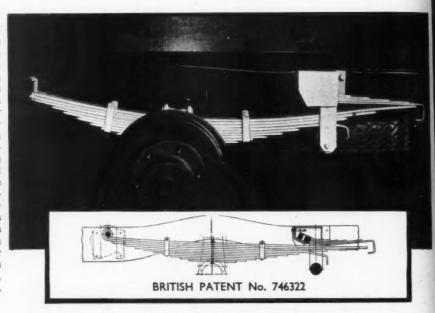
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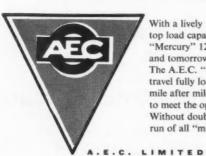
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Objection "To Examine Schedules "

DURING a hearing before the Yorkshire Traffic Commissioners, at Leeds last week, Mr. M. F. Marshall, for Wallace Arnold Tours, Ltd., Leeds, claimed that the West Yorkshire Road Car Co., Ltd., had objected to an application solely for the purpose of examining his clients' schedules.

He took strong exception to the procedure, and said that he had no intention of answering technical questions.

-Applications were made by Wallace Arnold and West Yorkshire to run football excursions from Bradford to Grimsby. British Railways objected, and stated that they intended to run a special train to Grimsby from Bradford on Boxing Day. They wanted some protection.

Reference was made to an appeal involving the Wallace Arnold football licence when the Minister of Transport had suggested that the railways were entitled to some form of protection when

they ran a special train.

On the ground that Wallace Arnold were football excursion operators and West Yorkshire were not the Commissioners were asked by B.R. not to allow the excursion to operate whenever the railways notified Wallace Arnold they intended to operate a special train, and that the West Yorkshire application be refused.

A grant of four vehicles was made to Wallace Arnold for one year. The West Yorkshire application was refused.

DEBT FREE IN 21 YEARS

NET loss of £60,033 last year by A Bradford Transport Department is explained by the city council's policy of making the undertaking debt free by the end of March, 1962. A further £91,594 was allocated last year towards the repayment of debt, otherwise there would have been a net surplus of £31,561. When the debt is cleared it will be possible to buy new buses and equipment out of revenue and reduce operating costs.

Mr. C. T. Humpidge, general manager, in his annual report, says there is still a shortage of road staff, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit a suitable

type of person.

INDIAN GROUP INSPECT B.R.S.

TWELVE members of a group representing a cross-section of India's transport industry are visiting this country. Last week they met Mr. H. W. Elliott, a member of the board of management of British Road Services, and visited the B.R.S. depot at Hampstead.

The group were interested in the teleprinter network and intend to explore the possibility of its adaptation to transport in India.

60 M.P.H. AVERAGE

AT an average speed of just under 60 m.p.h., a Leyland Super Comet covered 290 miles on M1 last week, mainly in top gear or overdrive. Water temperature was said not to have risen above the thermostat setting.

Micrograms

Last Trams: Trams were abandoned in Leeds last week-end after 88 years.

Mercury Sales: A. E. C. Mercury chassis are selling to the value of more than £150,000 weekly.

Credit Branch: Yeoman Credit, Ltd., are to open a new branch at 38 Sunniside, Sunderland.

A.C.V. Change Title: The name of A.C.V. Sales, Ltd., has been changed to A.E.C. (Sales), Ltd.

Finance Office: The North Central Wagon and Finance Co., Ltd., have opened an office at 57-59 Piccadilly, Hanley.

Pneuride for Leicester: Leicester ambulance authority have bought four B.M.C. LD2 chassis with Dunlop Pneuride suspension.

New Branch: A new branch office of the Mercantile Credit Co., Ltd., has been opened at 128 Old Christchurch Road, Bournemouth.

206,000th Vehicle: A Bedford 7-tonner was the 200,000th vehicle produced this year by Vauxhall Motors, Ltd, It left the factory for Finland last week.

Plymouth Traffic Group: A Plymouth and District group of the Institute of Traffic Administration has been inaugurated for members in Devon and Cornwall.

Two Depots: Two new depots have been opened by Advance Motor Supplies, Ltd.. at 142 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, and George Street, Stonehouse, Plymouth.

Silver City Move: Silver City Airways will transfer ferry operations from Southampton to Hurn Airport, Bournemouth, on November 18 to take advantage of better runway facilities.

Middle East Trade: The Advisory Council on Middle East Trade have compiled a book for exporters which is obtainable from the Board of Trade, Horse Guards Avenue, London, S.W.1.

Warehouse Keepers Meet: The annual meeting and luncheon of the National Association of Warehouse Keepers will be held at the Savoy Hotel, Strand, London, W.C.2, on July 6, 1960.

Motorway Film: John Laing and Son, Ltd., 4 Regent Street, London, S.W.I, have pro-duced a 30-min. colour film to record the building of 55 miles of the London-Birmingham motorway

Service Closes: Scotts' Bus Service, which has been operated between Rhynie and Aberdeen for 30 years, will cease on November 15. The owner, Mrs. B. Scott, is giving up the business.

Castrol Move: C. C. Wakefield and Co. Ltd., are to move from their offices in Grosvenor Street, London, W.I, next Monday into their new building, Castrol House, Marylebone, London, W.I.

N.C.R.T.C.H. Dates: The annual meeting of the National Conference of Road Transport Clearing Houses will be held at the May Fair Hotel on February 25, 1960. The annual dinner will be at the same place the previous evening.

U.S. Lorry Sales: It is expected that 990,000 new lorries will be sold in the U.S.A. this year. A figure of 1.1m. is expected in 1960, Oil-engine sales this year are expected to show an increase of 46 per cent. over 1958 figures.

Oil Map: The Petroleum Information Bureau, 29 New Bond Street, London, W.1, have issued a wall map showing the relative importance of oil-producing and refining countries, together with a diagram illustrat-ing the sources of British imports.

Changed Address: The address of Ross Auto and Engineering, Ltd., is now 27A Banastre Road, Southport, Lancs.

Winget-Boydell Merger: Winget, Ltd., have acquired the capital of E. Boydell and Co., Ltd., for £630,000 in cash.

Mexican Tyre Increase: Vehicle-tyre production in Mexico during 1958 showed a 17-per-cent. increase over the previous year's

Off Saturdays: Staff of 18 depots of Glasgow Transport Department are asking for one Saturday off duty in six instead of, as at present, one in 12.

Forward Date: The North Western (Western) Area of the Road Haulage Asso-ciation will hold their annual dinner at Southport on March 19.

Deutz in Brazil: The Otto Deutz concern of Cologne plans to establish a factory in Brazil for the production of oil engines. Tractors may be manufactured later.

Directory Out: The 1959-60 edition of "Directory of Hauliers" has been issued by the Northern Area of the Road Haulage Association, 8 Oxford Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1

Tyre Booklet: "Facts About Tyre Performance" is a booklet issued by the India Tyre and Rubber Co., Ltd., Inchinnan, Renfrews, which contains many hints on how to prolong tyre life.

Chamber Objects: Newcastle upon Tyne Chamber of Commerce are objecting to the city council's plan to prohibit loading and unloading of goods vehicles in certain streets during peak hours.

Centra Grocers Join N.M.U.: Twelve members of the Centra association of wholesale grocers have arranged to operate part of transport fleets in conjunction with N.M.U. (1958), Ltd.

Crane Order: An order for six Hydrocon Highlander 5-ton rotary hydraulic mobile cranes has been received by Brown and Tawse Plant, Ltd., Manchester, from the north-eastern region of British Railways.

More Agents: New Leyland-Albion agents are: Yee Ho Tung Import and Export Co., 33 Kaifeng Street, Section 1, Taipei, Formosa, and Umana Schofield and Cia., Ltda., P.O. Box 289, Guatemala City, Guatemala.

"Rolli-tanker" Order: The American Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. have received an order, valued at more than E285,000, for the manufacture of 166 Rolli-tanker transporters. Each tyre carries 500 gal. of liquid.

Kenex Extensions: A paintshop, stores and a woodmill will be added to the Barwick Road factory of Kenex Coachwork, Ltd., Dover. They will replace the present premises at Castle Street and be completed by the end of the year.

Corporation Step In: Chesterfield Transport Department have taken over the services formerly operated by Messrs. Doughty Buses. Since the death of the founder of this firm, Mr. F. H. Doughty, a year ago, Miss Nellie Doughty continued the business, but she retired on October 31.

Vigzol Purchase: The Vigzol Oil Co., Ltd., have purchased the capital of Liberty Oils for £21,550, Mr. R. W. Lewis and Mr. J. H. Barlow have resigned from the Liberty board, Mr. S. Elliman and Mr. J. D. Lodge replace them, and Mr. S. P. Bilton has been appointed an additional director.

Grant Subject to C.M.S. Timetable Agreement

WHEN the Northern Traffic Commissioners allowed Keswick Borrowdale Bus Services, Ltd., to operate between Keswick and Seatoller, in Borrowdale, last week, they stated that the grant was conditional upon a timetable being agreed with Cumberland Motor Services, Ltd.

Mr. T. H. Campbell Wardlaw, for the applicants, said that they were an amalgamation of three inde-

pendent operators—R. W. Simpson, T. Young and Sons and W. L. Askew. They and C.M.S. had served Borrowdale in the past.

Mr. Simpson told the Commissioners that the amalgamation would permit certain savings. The application represented the first step in effecting proposals made by the Commissioners last year.

He added that he had been approached by C.M.S. with the suggestion that during the winter each should work the route in alternate three-monthly periods, instead of alternate weeks. Mr. Simpson could not agree to this because he could not keep a driver idle for three months.

£125 FINES FOLLOW FATAL ACCIDENT

FINES totalling £125 with £12 8s. costs were imposed upon Cornelius Parish, Ltd., Hessle Road, Hull, and Cornelius David Parish, Thorngumbald, at Hull last Friday following charges in connection with the transport by road of an ocean-going yacht. The yacht had toppled over in transit and a man assisting with the work had been killed.

Defendants pleaded not guilty to using a trailer with inefficient brakes, a dangerous load, inefficient springs, dangerous bodywork, and not equipped with efficient tyres, and to carrying a load of excess width. The company were also summoned for employing an unlicensed driver.

Amos and Smith, Ltd., marine engineers, Hull, had previously been fined a total of £30 for offences relating to the same incident. The prosecution at the time had described the bogie on which the yacht was being carried as being a "ramshackle contraption of rusty bolts and decaying wood."

Mr. Parish said that as neither he nor his friends were sufficiently expert at the removal of yachts by road, he had approached Amos and Smith, Ltd., to do the job. He was convinced that they were quite competent.

NEW STOURBRIDGE GARAGE

RECONSTRUCTION of the garage of the Birmingham and Midland Motor Omnibus Co., Ltd., at Stourbridge has increased the covered space available for vehicles. Where 40 buses were accommodated, 73 may now be housed. Principal feature of the reconstruction has been the roofing-over of a former forecourt. New offices, canteen, engineering stores, docking and maintenance facilities have been provided.



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Basically, the body design consists of two longitudinal bottom members carrying the broad U-section transverse hoops, which are formed to an 8-in, radius at the lower corners. The sides and floor are covered with flat sheet, whilst special radiused panels are supplied for the sidesto-floor join.

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Mr. Marples for U

INTENT on mastering his new post as quickly as possible, Mr. Ernest Marples, Minister of Transport, has arranged to go to America, as well as to Europe, during the Christmas recess to study primarily bridges, but also motorways. He will be away for two to three weeks.

He is not likely at the moment to take up the suggestion of Lord Lucas of Chilworth in the House of Lords (see page 498) and appoint a director of road construction, writes our political correspondent. A meeting which he had last week with Mr. Christopher Brunner. of the British Road Federation, gave rise to hasty speculation on the possibility of an early appointment, and Mr. Brunner's name was coupled with it. Mr. Marples obviously could not rush into so important a matter and would have to

U.S. and Europe

discuss the subject thoroughly with his engineering staff.

It is possible that he may seek Parliamentary sanction to speed up the procedure preliminary to the building of new roads without sacrificing the rights of individuals.

Meanwhile surprised officials in the Bonn Transport Ministry are to carry out an intensive study of the London-Birmingham motorway. They are responsible for a £1,500m, programme to lay 400 miles of autobahn by 1970 and are anxious to discover how British road-builders managed to complete M1 in 19 months. It would have taken three years in Western Germany.

A German Ministry official said the massive concentration of companies and the latest roadmaking machinery were probably the secret.

"Self-confessed Opportunists"

TWO men who bought the share capital of a Nottingham haulage company after they had failed in a series of business ventures were described as "self-confessed opportunists" by Mr. H. Reeve Allerton, Nottingham Registr, last week, when they appeared for public examination.

They were Frank Cecil Ling, The Park, Nottingham, and Ronald Aaron Meir, Parkstone, near Bournemouth, who admitted joint liabilities of £39,388 9s. 2d. and assets of £3,482 2s. Id., making a total deficiency of £35,906 7s. Id.

Ling told Mr. W. W. Jordan, Official Receiver, that when they bought the share capital of S. and S. Transport, Ltd., the company's creditors were already pressing for a liquidation order, but they hoped to sell some of the company's assets to stave this off. He realized now that this was illegal. When they gained control of the business they found that many of the vehicle licences were already owned by other people and several vehicles had been repossessed by finance companies.

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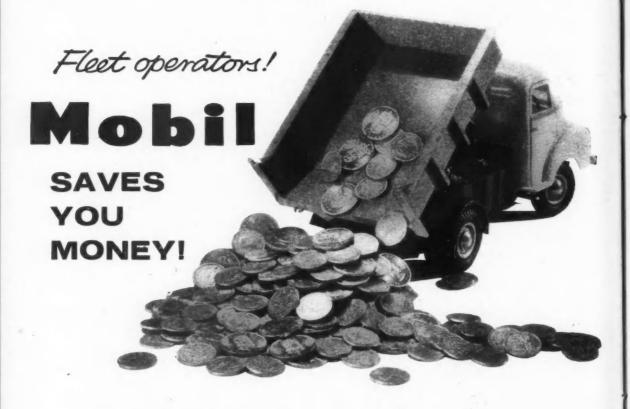


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This chassis is powered by the Meadows 4DC330 Mark II 90 b.h.p. oil engine, has a Meadows five-speed constant-mesh gearbox and a Moss singlespeed rear axle.

The management of Rowe has been reorganized since the appointment of Mr. S. C. Condy as the receiver and manager of the company in March this year.

BUSES TO BE RUN UNTIL FAILURE

FIVE Leyland PD.2 double-deckers of Southport Transport Department, which have covered 371,000-450,000 miles without having their engines removed, are to be kept running until engine failure is imminent.

Cllr. J. Todd, chairman of the transport committee, explained last week that this was so that the full economic life of the engines could be found out.

In September the five buses returned 10.42 m.p.g.-a rate only slightly below the average for all the vehicles of this type in the fleet

Secret Ballot

ON the eve of the meeting of the National Joint Industrial Council, of the meeting.

On the previous night, the workers decided at a mass meeting to accept the transport committee's compromise of allowing five standing passengers on 76and 78-seat buses. A secret ballot produced a vote of 590 in favour of returning

sentatives and trade-union officials met in London to consider the union's demand for the revision of the old agreement. Talks were adjourned until November 18.

Both sides of the industry appreciated the need for some modification of the standing passengers agreement. This was stated by Mr. Frank Cousins, general secretary of the Transport and General

He said that employees did not want to leave people on the pavement, but they also considered that those who had paid

There was a good case for better wages

Strikers Go Back:

called last Thursday to review the national agreement on standing passengers, bus workers in Sheffield decided to return to They had been urged to do so lest their attitude in remaining on unofficial strike imperilled the outcome

to work and 514 against. The following day, employers' repre-

Workers' Union, at Rotherham last week. for a seat should not have to stand.

in the industry, he added.

Municipal Opportunities

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Transport Committee wish to buy an S.D. gully emptier.

Reading Transport Committee propose to buy 12
Sunbeam-Burlingham trolleybuses.

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Barnsley Corporation are to acquire two Austin
stries from Eyre Bros. (Barnsley), Ltd.

Worthing Waterworks Committee seek tenders
or the supply of three Thames 5-cert, vans.

Rotherham Highways Committee recommend that
Bedford tower wagon and a Standard Atlas beurchased.

Scunthorpe Corporation are recommended to equire a Karrier Bantam from Parker and Co-icunthorpe), Ltd.

(Scunthorpe), Ltd.
Shoreditch Borough Council are advised to obtain a Foden refuse-disposal lorry from Glover, Webb and Liversidge, Ltd.
Caterham and Warlingham Parks Committee recommend that L. C. Dove (C.V.), Ltd., supply an Austin Omnitruck.
Hammersmith Borough Council are advised to purchase a Dennis Paxit from the Commercial Motor Garage and Repair Co., Ltd.

Breconshire County Council require a 15-cwt. Chester City Council require a Dennis Paxit

Haverfordwest Rural District Council are to buy

Birkenhead Corporation require two Bedford Darlington Rural District Council are to buy a fuse collector.

on Coldfield Borough Council are to acquire

Sutton Coldfield Borough Council are to acquire a tower wagon.

Northamptonshire County Council are to purchase three Bedford fire appliances.

Hallfax Transport Department are to buy eight Leyland-M.C.W. double-deckers.

Mansfield Corporation are to purchase a Karrier sweeper from R. S. Beard and Co., Ltd.

Wallsend Corporation are to acquire a Morris 12 pick-up from Charles G. S. Buist, Ltd.

Eastbourne Health Committee seek to acquire an Austin A35 van from Parkinson Polson, Ltd.

Durham County Council are to purchase 10 Bedford ambulances from Sherwood Bros. (Darlington), Ltd., and a dental van from B. Rosen (Dental Depot), Ltd.

Great Variety of Traffic, Authority Told

RESUMING an inquiry at Falmouth last week, Mr. C. J. MacDonald, Western Deputy Licensing Authority, was told of the large variety of goods handled by the Falmouth Transport Ltd. The company had applied for six additional A-licensed vehicles. The application

This is the new

C.C.C. - Blaw Knox

concrete mixer and agitator, which, as reported last week,

to be offered in this country. The Canadian-type chassis has a Cummins oil engine. had since been reduced to four, said Mr. A. C. Caffin, for the company.

Mr. John Plummer, chief clerk and accountant, said that they handled 500 varieties of goods for Crosse and Blackwells, Ltd., 77 for Schweppes, Ltd., 469 for S.P.D., Ltd. and 60 for Lever. The applicants did not take

county council work because their contract prohibited it.

Overtime had been worked almost every day, and sometimes drivers returned to base with undelivered goods, said Mr. F. H. Pinch, traffic manager.

Objecting for the British Transport Commission, Mr. J. Amphlett said that the licence, if granted, should be strictly circumscribed as to area.

The grant was made for four vehicles with a normal user of general goods. mainly in Cornwall.

HACKNEY TAXATION

THE accompanying table shows the current Excise taxation rates for hackney carriages. These rates were amended in the Budget and came into effect on April 8, but their publication

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on the reverse side of licence-application form R.F.8 has been delayed by the printing dispute. The figures are given here for the convenience of operators.

30 PER CENT. OF COAL BY ROAD

FROM a total of 198m, tons of coal distributed during 1958, 30 per cent. was conveyed by road. The Merseyside division of the Industrial Transport Association was told this last week by Mr. B. E. Whalley, of the National Coal

He stated that distribution by road was a result of customer preference, and expressed the view that preservation of rail haulage was vital. The two forms of transport should be integrated. Railways should do the long hauls to central depots and road transport take over from there, he added,



This is the prototype Atkinson 6 × 6 gritting vehicle. Production models will have a second steering axle and twin 7-ton bodies mounted in tandem, and feeding dual spinners ahead of the rear bogie. The plate attached to the front of the chassis frame can carry straight or V-shaped snowplough blades.

is provided for the steering, and the steering servo and the grit-spinner motors are powered by separate engine-driven hydraulic pumps.

Following the same general configuration as the Atkinson, Scammell's 8 x 6 design is powered by the Leyland 0.680 11.1-litre oil engine. This unit produces 160 b.h.p. at 2,000 r.p.m. and drives a Scammell six-speed constant-mesh gearbox through a 16½-in-diameter clutch. The gearbox has an overdrive top ratio of 0.715 to 1 and incorporates at the rear a separate two-speed transfer gearbox. This unit splits the drive to the front and rear axles and provides either 1 to 1 drive or a reduction ratio.

Like the Atkinson, the forward driving axle is a double-reduction unit, whilst the two axles in the rear bogie, which is of walking-beam-type, have overheadworm driving heads of 9-in, centres. with

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Fighting Winter on the Motorway

To keep the new London to Birmingham motorway clear for traffic in all weathers, the Ministry of Transport are developing gritting and snowplough vehicles which will be capable of performing at speeds of 30 m.p.h. and over.

Two types of chassis are being built: eight-wheelers able to carry 14 tons of gritting materials, and six-wheelers with a slightly lower payload capacity. All the vehicles will be fitted with specially designed spinner-distributor bodies, for use with grit or salt, produced by Atkinsons' Agricultural Appliances, Ltd., and will have front mounting brackets for straight or V-shaped snowplough blades.

The original Ministry requirement for the gritter chassis specified a 6 x 6 design. Both Atkinson Vehicles, Ltd., and Douglas Equipment, Ltd., set out to produce vehicles to this configuration. Atkinson's prototype was complete and had been tested successfully when it was decided to run the gritters at 24 tons gross weight. Therefore, they had to have four axles to conform to regulations.

Design Altered

Thus the original Atkinson 6 x 6 vehicle was extensively altered and converted to an 8 x 6 layout. Douglas have proceeded with their 6 x 6 design, attempting, by the use of a petrol engine and lighter components, to provide nearly the same payload as the eightwheelers within a gross weight of 20 tons.

Atkinson's 8 x 6 chassis is novel in that only the front axle of the forward pair is driven, the propeller shaft passing over the second steering axle. It is thought that this is the first vehicle to have such a layout, which is also a feature of the chassis being produced by Scammell Lorries, Ltd.

The Atkinson is powered by an A.E.C. 11.3-litre engine developing 165 b.h.p. at 2,000 r.p.m. The drive is taken through an 18-in-diameter single-dry-plate clutch to a Z.F. AK6/75 six-speed constant-mesh of

Three Manufacturers Producing Special Chassis for High-speed Gritting and Snowploughing on the New London - Birmingham Road

gearbox with an overdrive sixth ratio of 0.71 to 1. A power take-off on this unit drives the compressor for the vehicle's braking system, which is of direct-air-pressure type on the rear bogie and air-hydraulic on the front axles.

Coupled to the main gearbox is a Z.F. V.G. 500 auxiliary and transfer gearbox. This unit provides an additional low ratio of 1.85 to 1 for the main transmission in addition to straight-through 1 to 1 drive. It also incorporates a torque-splitting device to divide the drive between the front and rear axles. A power take-off from this box provides the drive for the conveyor belts fitted in the gritter body giving a power take-off speed proportional to road speed.

Open propeller shafts from the auxiliary gearbox drive the two 7-in.-centre overhead-worm rear axles and the spiral-bevel-drive double-reduction front axle. Single Trakgrip tyres are fitted all round, with 12.00-20 in. (14-ply) on the front wheels and 14.00-20 in. (22-ply) equipment at the rear.

Clearance has been left to allow the fitment of chains which will be provided but, it is hoped, not be found necessary. They can be expected to last for only 8-10 miles at speed.

Necessarily, the frame of the 16-ft.-7½-in, wheelbase chassis is robust to withstand ploughing loads and possible collisions with kerbs and similar obstacles when working. It is a conventional ladder-type structure with 13½-in.-deep side members in ½-in.-thick material having 3-in.-wide flanges.

The balance-beam-type rear bogie is mounted on a sub-frame, as is the second steering axle. Hydraulic power assistance The vehicle has power-assisted steering and an air-pressure braking system. Again, Trakgrip tyres are fitted all round, but in this case 12.00-20 in. (14-ply) at the front and 14.00-20 in. (18-ply) at the rear.

The Scammell 8 x 6 has chassis-frame longitudinals 12 in. deep in \(\frac{1}{8}\)-in.-thick material with 3-in. flanges. At the forward ends they are reinforced to support the snowplough attachment frame. A theoretical top speed of over 40 m.p.h. should be reached by the 17-ft.-9-in.-wheelbase vehicle fully laden.

20 Tons Gross

The Douglas 6 x 6 chassis being built will operate at 20 tons gross weight. They are of 15-ft, wheelbase and have Rolls-Royce B.81 petrol engines developing 196 b.h.p. at 4,000 r.p.m. The primary gearbox is a Rolls-Royce fourspeed automatic unit incorporating a fluid flywheel, and this unit is coupled to a 1.4 to 1-ratio single-speed auxiliary gearbox and a two-speed transfer box dividing the drive to the front and rear axles and providing additional transmission ratios of 1 to 1 and 3.89 to 1.

The steerable front axle (power steering is fitted) is a spiral-bevel unit, as are the two axles in the fully articulating rear bogie. Brakes are air-hydraulic at all wheels and 9.00-20 in. (14-ply) tyres are fitted all round.

Douglas are also manufacturing chassis to carry Rolba or AEB.1 rotary snowplough heads. These vehicles now have a 130 b.h.p. petrol engine as the prime mover and a 165 b.h.p. Rolls-Royce petrol engine to drive the ploughing head. The remainder of the chassis was fully described in *The Commercial Motor* on April 10, 1959.

As an adjunct to the gritting vehicles, the Ministry are to acquire two sweepercollector trailers from abroad. These are Streicher and Faun machines which are towed by tipping lorries into which they discharge their sweepings.

Bonallack Dual-purpose Body for Spillers

An Albion Reiver six-wheeled chassis forms the basis of this outfit built by Bonallack and Sons, Ltd., in light alloy. It has an outer body for the bulk transport of grain or to carry a container for bulk flour. The discharge pipe of the container can be seen.

A VEHICLE which can carry 9 tons of grain or about 6½ tons of flour, with the ability to discharge flour into overhead storage, has been built by Bonallack and Sons, Ltd., Basildon, for Spillers, Ltd. The chassis is an Albion Reiver with a wheelbase of 12 ft. 2 in.

It has a light-alloy tipping body inside which a container may be placed. The body is 15 ft, long, 7 ft, 6 in.-wide and 7 ft, high internally. The container has a capacity of 462 cu, ft.

The outer body, which is for bulkgrain transport, has Edbro-B. and E. tipping gear for discharge by such means. Alternatively it can be emptiled through two apertures in the floor.

Traps, operated by a rack-and-pinion





running beneath the interior panelling of the body. The blower controls, which include a hand throttle and blower-speed tachometer, are grouped externally at the rear of the drivers' cabin, adjacent to the tipping-gear control.

The gross unladen weight of the vehicle including the container, is 6 tons 19 cwt., of which the tipping body accounts for 1 ton 2 qr. and the container 9 cwt.

During pre-delivery trials, the vehicle discharged about 6½ tons of flour 40 ft. vertically and a further 40 ft. horizontally in 22 min., a rate equivalent to 19 tons per hour. This was achieved at a delivery pressure of 9 p.s.i. Discharge over 125 ft., which included 60 ft. vertical lift. was also accomplished.

This picture shows how the container is placed inside the outer body. A Wellworthy-Ricardo blower is driven from a power take-off, and the load can be discharged at 9 p.s.i. Hose sections are carried in tubes running beneath the interior panelling of the body.

mechanism and controlled from the nearside, open and seal the floor-discharge outlets. Half-doors are provided at the rear of the body, with small folding flaps to give access to the blowing equipment when the container is being carried. Lashing hooks for the canvas cover are recessed into the sides of the body.

The blown-discharge container, also of aluminium, is mounted inside the tipping body on two elongated pyramidal feet. They recess into the discharge apertures in the floor, and are secured by four bottle-screw attachments. Flour discharge is by the Bonallack "tip-and-blow" method. A Wellworthy-Ricardo blower delivers 300 c.f.m. at 10 p.s.i.

Hose sections are carried in tubes

Dodge Tractor Making Debut

A NEW 8-ft. 4-in. wheelbase forward-control tractor unit manufactured by Dodge Bros. (Britain), Ltd., makes its first appearance today on the company's stand at the Scottish Motor Show, Kelvin Hall, Glasgow. The vehicle shown has a Leyland O.375-cu.-in. direct-injection oil engine with outputs of 110 b.h.p. at 2,400 r.p.m. and 285 lb.-ft. torque at 2,400 r.p.m. Other engines available for the tractor are the Leyland O.350 and the Perkins R6.

On all models the drive passes through a 14-in.-diameter clutch with hydraulic release mechanism to a five-speed constant-mesh gearbox. The rear axle is an Eaton 18,500 two-speed unit in which the ratios are selected electrically. The standard braking system for the vehicle has vacuum assistance, but the vehicle on show has the optional air-hydraulic equipment.

Tyres are 8.25-20 in. (12-ply) all round and a 35-gal, fuel tank is standard. The tractor is designed to carry a fifth-wheel coupling and can be used with semitrailers up to 26 ft. It is rated for a gross combination weight of 19 tons and can therefore accommodate semi-trailers carrying a 12-ton payload.

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A Clydesdale With Racehorse Breeding



Two Clydesdales of the old school inspect the latest Albion version. This picture was taken on the Stirling road during the braking and acceleration tests.

By John F. Moon, A.M.I.R.T.E.

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HE Albion Clydesdale 14-tongross four-wheeler is one of those rare vehicles submitted to The Commercial Motor for test which arouse no serious criticisms but have performance characteristics appreciably above average. An exclusive test of a representative chassis from this range showed outstanding fuel economy, good braking and acceleration, pleasant handling characteristics, a wide range of vision, easy cab access and reasonable maintenance accessibility.

Such features can be found on expensive "hand-built" chassis but although the Clydesdale is a quality product, its cost is not high, the basic chassis-pluscab price for the 15-ft.-wheelAlbion 14-tonner With Leyland Shows Good Fuel Engine Economy, Performance Handling Qualities: Easy Access to Comfortable Cab

> available with overall widths of 7 ft. 6 in. or 8 ft.; this makes 10 models. The eleventh vehicle is an 8 - ft. - wheelbase 7 - ft. 6 - in. - wide tractor chassis rated for a maximum gross train weight of 17 tons 18 cwt.

> The load-carrying chassis are suitable for body lengths of 13 ft. $(6\frac{1}{2}$ -7-cu.-yd. tipping body), 16 ft., 18 ft., 21 ft. and 23 ft. 9 in., respectively, and all the chassis give an unladen platform height of 4 ft. 11 in.

The Leyland engine used in the

The Albion CD.21 LW chassis has four tubular and three pressed-steel cross-members, bolting being used throughout the assembly. The frame behind the cab has flat-topped flanges.

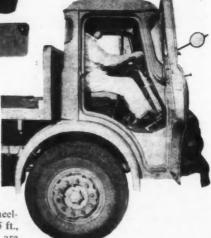
base 8-ft.-wide model tested being £2,224. The Clydesdale range was introduced just before last year's Commercial Motor Show and is akin to the Chieftain 7-ton range introduced in July, 1958, in that it has the same cab, gearbox and rear-axle gearing.

The power unit is the Leyland O.375 oil engine, an engine used also in the Leyland equivalent of the Clydesdale-the Super Comet (The Commercial Motor, October 2, 1959). Other than with respect to the power unit and certain brake components,

Because the entrance step of the Albion cab is ahead of the front wheels, access to the driving seat is simple. The driving position is comfortable and all-round vision is good.

the Clydesdale is a genuine Albion design and the range totals 11 models.

These consist of chassis with wheelbases of 10 ft., 12 ft., 13 ft. 6 in., 15 ft., and 17 ft. 6 in. All these chassis are



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A 22-mile consumption run between Buchlyvie and Scotstoun was made at an average speed of 29.3 m.p.h., the consumption rate being 11.25 m.p.g. The Clydesdale is seen here climbing the Minister's Brae at Strathblane.

Clydesdale is governed at 2,200 r.p.m., at which speed the net power output is 105 b.h.p. Thus the engine differs from the version used in the Leyland chassis, which is governed to 2,400 r.p.m. and gives 110 net b.h.p. The torque outputs of both engines are the same—285 lb./ft. at 1,100 r.p.m.

A Borg and Beck 14-in.-diameter clutch with hydraulic actuation is employed and takes the power into an Albion five-speed gearbox, all the forward gears of which are-in constant mesh. An optional fitting on this gearbox is a sixth overdrive with a ratio of 0.76 to 1, and this gear was fitted to the test chassis, giving the vehicle a maximum speed of just over 50 m.p.h. It undoubtedly contributed towards the remarkable time-load-mileage factor of 7,090 achieved on a 20-mile fuel consumption test.

Two-piece Shafts

The medium-wheelbase chassis such as the example tested have two-piece propeller shafts, whilst the short-wheelbase models have single shafts and the 17-ft. 6-in. wheelbase version a three-piece shaft. In all cases, the standard rear axle is the Albion double-reduction unit, which has spiral-bevel primary reduction action and 4 to 1 epicyclic reduction gearing in the hubs.

The standard overall reduction ratio is 7.428 to 1, but for special applications alternative ratios of 6.933 and 7.712 are available. This axle is similar to the unit employed in the lighter Chieftain, incorporating the same hub gearing but a heavier case.

Conventional semi-elliptic springs are fitted at both axles, all the springs being 4-ft. 6-in. long with 3-in.-wide leaves at the front springs and 3\frac{1}{2}-in.-wide leaves at the rear.

Helper springs are not necessary at the rear axle, for which reason they are not offered as optional equipment, but telescopic dampers can be supplied for the front axle, although, in the case of the test chassis, their need never became apparent.

Bolting is used throughout the assembly of the chassis frame, which has channel-section side members $\frac{5}{16}$ -in. thick. The maximum sidemember depth is $9\frac{1}{4}$ in. and the flange width is $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. The frame of the CD.21 LW model tested has four tubular and three channel-section cross members, including a front towing member. The short-wheelbase tipper chassis is flitched.

Air - operated brakes on the Clydesdale incorporate Clayton Dewandre equipment. Diaphragm operating chambers are used and the D1 valve is remotely mounted from the conventional brake pedal. Pedal reaction is provided by a coil spring, which gives a satisfactory amount of feel and requires a pedal pressure of 120 lb. to obtain a maximum line pressure of 110 p.s.i.

Moulded linings are used at both axles and the hand-brake is a multi-pull unit.

The standard tyre equipment on the Clydesdale chassis is 10.00 - 20 - in. (14-ply). but on 8-ft.-wide chassis only, 11.00-20-in. (12-

does not, however, raise the manufacturers' gross weight rating of 14 tons (14,225 kg.).

The well-known Albiondesigned Motor Panels, allsteel cab, originally intro-

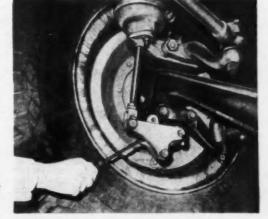
ply) tyre equipment may be specified at extra cost. This

The well-known Albiondesigned Motor Panels, allsteel cab, originally introduced on the Chieftain range, is employed on the Clydesdale also. For the heavy-chassis application, the cab is not altered except

in the case of 8-ft.-wide models which have extended wing valances. The Albion cab layout offers the advantage of easy access, the cab being set well forward in relation to the front axle so that it can incorporate step wells in front of the front wheels. The step is within 2½ ft. of ground level.

The kerb weight of the test vehicle was 4 tons 15½ cwt., the body fitted being a 21 ft. by 7 ft. 6 in. platform built by R. Rogerson and Co., Ltd., Glasgow. The taxation weight of the CD.21 LW chassis and cab is 4 tons 1 cwt., leaving 9 tons 19 cwt. for body, fuel, water, spare wheel and tools. Thus with a lightweight aluminium body and no spare wheel, it would be possible to carry almost 9½ tons on this chassis, a payload even more feasible on the short-wheelbase models.

John Curry, of the Albion experimental department, was with me throughout the tests and with both of us aboard plus fuel-test tank, spare fuel, tools and so on the gross vehicle weight for the test was 14 tons 51 cwt.,



The front brakes are adjusted by means of a quadrant, a 2-in. movement of the quadrant necessitating removal of the securing pin to the next hole in the quadrant.

ROAD TEST No. 672/MI31-ALBION CLYDESDALE 91-TONNER

MODEL: Albion Clydesdale CD.21 LW 15-ft,wheelbase forward-control goods chassis, with Leyland oil engine, standard all-steel cab and Rogerson 21-ft, platform body.

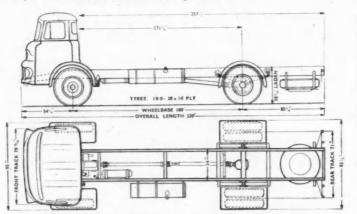
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ENGINE: Leyland O.375 six-cylindered directinjection oil engine; bore 104 mm. (4.1 in.); stroke 12.07 mm. (4.75 in.); piston-swept volume 6.17 litres (377 cu. in.); maximum net output 105 b.h.p. at 2,200 r.p.m.; R.A.C. rating 40.5 h.p.; maximum net torque 285 lb.-ft. at 2,200



TRANSMISSION: Through 14-in,-diameter singledry-plate clutch to Albion six-speed constantmesh gearbox, thence by two-piece propeller shaft to the fully floating spiral-bevel and epicyclic double-reduction rear axle.

GEAR RATIOS: 6,988, 4,308, 2,655, 1,605, 1 and 0.76 to 1 forward; reverse 6,343 to 1; rear axle ratio 7,428 to 1.

PRAKES: Clayton Dewandre Bendix Westinghouse air-pressure system with 5-cam-operated leading-and-trailing-shoe units at all wheels. Multi-pull hand brake linked mechanically to rear wheels only. Diameter of drums 15.5 in.; widh of linings, front 4.5 in., rear 7 in.; total frictional area 624 sq. in., that is, 43.7 sq. in. per ton gross weight as tested.

FRAME: Pressed-steel channel section with four tubular and three channel-section cross-members bolted in position.

STEERING: Maries cam and double roller.

SUSPENSION : Semi-elliptic springs.

ELECTRICAL: 24v. compensated-voltage-control system with 67-amp.-hr. battery.

FUEL CONSUMPTION: 14.75 m.p.g. at 33.6 m.p.h. average speed, that is 211 gross ton-m.p.g. as tested, giving a time-load-mileage factor of 7,090.

TANK CAPACITY: 37 gal., range approximately

ACCELERATION: Through gears, 0-20 m.p.h., 15.5 sec.; 0-30 m.p.h., 37.5 sec.; 0-40 m.p.h., 66.5 sec.; direct drive, 10-20 m.p.h., 14.5 sec.; 10-30 m.p.h., 34.5 sec.

BRAKING: From 20 m.p.h., 25.5 ft. (16.9 ft. per sec. per sec.); from 30 m.p.h., 57 ft. (17.1 ft. per sec. per sec.).

WEIGHT RATIO: 0,368 b.h.p. per cwt. gross weight as tested.

FORWARD VISIBILITY: To within 9 ft. of front bumper at ground level on centre line.

TURNING CIRCLES: 57 ft. right lock, 58 ft. left lock.

MAKERS: Albion Motors, Ltd., Scotstoun, Glasgow.

the rear axle loading being slightly over 9 tons.

The Clydesdale was taken out to Buchlyvie for the start of a fuel-consumption run. The course chosen was 10 miles long in each direction, half of this distance being over hilly, narrow roads and the remainder fairly level.

The maximum speed was kept down to 35 m.p.h. except on down grades, when the speedometer needle climbed to 40 m.p.h. or so, and the outward run was made at an average speed of 34.9 m.p.h., the consumption rate being 16 m.p.g.—a remarkable figure.

After conducting braking and acceleration tests, the vehicle was returned to Buchlyvie at an average speed of 32.8 m.p.h., the consumption rate being 13.75 m.p.g.

The overall performance figures resulting from this 20-mile test—14.75 m.p.g. at 33.6 m.p.h. average speed—give outstanding gross tonm.p.g. and time-load-mileage factors. They show the Clydesdale to be one of the most economical chassis of its type in the world, and indicate the advantage to be gained from the use of the overdrive-top gearbox.

Locking of the off-side rear wheels

occurred when making full-pressure stops from 20 m.p.h. and 30 m.p.h., despite which good retardation figures were obtained. Comparison of the average stopping distances indicated by the marker gun and the maximum retardation rates shown by the Tapley meter revealed a difference of between 10-15 per cent., which would be caused by a slight delay in the air-pressure system.

For the acceleration tests from a standstill up to 40 m.p.h., bottom gear was not employed to move away from rest. Fourth gear was held up to 25 m.p.h. and fifth up to 38 m.p.h. and, although the acceleration fell

off sharply on changing into the overdrive ratio, the rate in the in term e diate ratios was shown to be good.

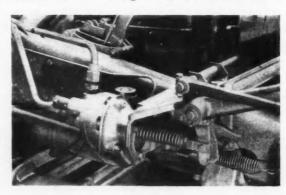
Also good were

The brake-operating valve is mounted remotely from the pedal and reaction is provided by an external coil spring. A pedal pressure of 120 lb. is required for full line pressure.

the direct-drive figures timed between 10-30 m.p.h. I noted that the transmission and engine were quite smooth when pulling from as low as 7 m.p.h. in fifth gear and the acceleration rate was particularly good between 10-20 m.p.h.

On completing the second leg of the main fuel-consumption test, the Clydesdale was returned to the Albion works and a consumption figure was taken for the 22-mile journey between Buchlyvie and Scotstoun.

I drove for this trip over somewhat hilly roads and was using full throttle almost all the time, deliberately driving the vehicle as hard and as



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fast as it would go to see what sort of an average speed could be set up under difficult conditions, and what effect such a driving technique would have on the fuel-consumption rate.

The journey was completed at the somewhat remarkable average speed of 29.3 m.p.h.-remarkable because the last five or six miles were through densely populated areas and the road included such climbs as the Minister's Brae at Strathblane, a hill requiring the use of second gear for several minutes.

Measurement of the fuel used showed the consumption rate to be 11.25 m.p.g., a result which still gives a gross-ton-m.p.g. figure and a timeload-mileage figure of 161 and 4,737 respectively. Undoubtedly the Clydesdale is a glutton for punishment and reacts kindly to the harshest of treatment-a workhorse in the old tradition.

Hill-climbing tests were carried out on both sides of the Clyde. A short incline of 1 in 5 severity-Murrayfield Drive-was chosen for the stop-start test. The multi-pull hand brake held the vehicle safely both when facing up the incline and down it, and entirely satisfactory bottom-gear and reverse re-starts were made. Slight hazing was observed at the exhaust outlet during these re-starts.

1.3-mile Climb

The Renfrew ferry was made use of when crossing into Paisley, the charge for a vehicle of this size being 1s. 6d., and the Clydesdale was taken through Paisley out to Gleniffer Braes, a 1.3-mile-long climb with an average severity of 1 in 13 and steep sections of up to 1 in 8.

The ascent was made in an ambient temperature of 59° F., and before commencing the climb, the radiator coolant and rear-axle oil temperatures were recorded, these being 162° F. and 112° F. respectively.

The test lasted 7 min. 50 sec., showing unusual agility for a vehicle of this weight on such a hill, and second gear was used on three occasions for a total time of 2 min. 25 sec., third gear sufficing for most of the rest of the climb. The minimum speed when using second gear was 7 m.p.h.

Checks at the top of the hill showed the engine-coolant temperature to have risen by only 15° F., whilst the temperature of the rear-axle oil had risen by only 6° F. These small rises indicate the efficiency of the engine cooling system and one of the advantages of a double-reduction axle.

To test for brake:fade resistance, the Clydesdale was coasted down the hill in neutral, using the foot brake to restrict the maximum speed to

20 m.p.h. Unfortunately, because of the uneven road surface. I found it difficult to keep my right foot still on the brake pedal and the resulting 'dither" caused the air reservoir to exhaust at a faster rate than the compressor (which was rotating slowly because the engine was idling) could recharge it.

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Thus when I made a crash stop at the end of this test, the maximum available air pressure was only 50 p.s.i., with the result that the Tapley meter reading was 30 per cent., a drop of 37.5 per cent. compared with the figures obtained on the previous day under normal conditions.

However, by running the engine and driving farther along the road, I was able to make a second stop 11 min. later with full air pressure, and this produced a Tapley meter reading of 50 per cent. Thus it can safely be assumed that the reduction in braking efficiency evidenced by the first stop after the descent owed little to genuine brake fade, and under normal conditions when descending a hill with a gear engaged, brake fade should not be experienced.

I thoroughly enjoyed driving the Clydesdale, it being a pleasant vehicle to handle. The gearbox is a delight to use and the engine gives a lively performance, making it easy to keep up a high average speed under difficult road conditions.

I felt that the steering castor action was a little too strong, this being noticed mostly at low speeds, but nevertheless tending to make it hard work to take sharp corners quickly when travelling "all out." I am given to understand that the castor angle is to be modified.

When driving at 50 m.p.h. and above, excessive propeller shaft vibration was apparent and this is another trouble Albion experimental engineers have in hand to cure. It may be effected by the use of a threepiece propeller shaft.

The brakes have a good "feel" about them and may be relied upon to do their job properly under all conditions. A somewhat annoying characteristic was the tendency to grunt" when braking in reverse.

The cab provides a high degree of driver and passenger comfort and the range of visibility is good. Ventilation is entirely adequate and excessive engine noise does not filter through the insulated cowl. I cannot claim to be enamoured of the adjustment arrangement for the driving seat: this provides a wide range of adjustment but is rather difficult to actuate. The ride in the cab is entirely comfortable despite the absence of front axle suspension dampers.

Front-brake Adjustment

So far as maintenance is concerned. the Clydesdale for the most part follows its stable mate, the Leyland Super Comet, the maintenance of which was dealt with in the road test report published on October 2, 1959. The main differences lie in the method of front-brake adjustment and the position of the spare-wheel carrier.

The front brakes have an adjusting quadrant and the method of adjustment is to push this quadrant downwards and measure the distance travelled by the operating rod. When this movement becomes 2 in. the pin securing the brake-operating lever to the quadrant is removed and inserted in the next hole in the quadrant.

This arrangement does not give the same adjustment sensitivity as is provided by the worm-type adjusters used on the rear brakes, but the procedure is quite simple and the layout has the advantage that it is less complicated.

The spare-wheel carrier is mounted nearer the end of the frame than it is on the Super Comet. Thus, manhandling in and out of the carrier is simplified, although replacement of the wheel would be a two-man job.

=One Hears-==

Of a schoolboy enthusiast who has almost booked an order for six Guy six-wheelers.

That he has acquired the instinct from his grandfather.

Of a warm welcome for Col. Arthur Jerrett at the launching of the Wulfrunian.

That if the new bus is as successful as the colonel's chrysanthemums, Guy shareholders will be rubbing their hands.

That the hard shoulders of M1 will need some more padding if they are to withstand the weight of laden eight-wheelers.

That motorway lighting will have to come.

Of the usual scramble for hotel accommodation in Glasgow.

That B.E.A. may benefit by the shortage of beds.

That, for all its faults, the British procedure for increasing bus fares could be worse.

Will the naming of vehicles after the inhabitants of the home town become fashionable?

If so, a Thornycroft Basingstokian should put an end to it.

That, after a six-year battle, Calcutta Tramways Co. have succeeded in raising fares by 1d.



An A.E.C. Mercury, employed on long-distance services, seen traversing the cobbled dockside road in Aberdeen. The company work round the clock.

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Alexander's of Aberdeen Put SERVICE First

N Aberdeen the name of Charles Alexander is synonymous with road haulage, for it is from the granite city that, starting with a half share in a lorry in 1926, he built up a transport organization extending to all parts of England and Scotland.

Before the war the business grew up gradually, mainly by the purchase of vehicles from year to year, and by 1939 60 lorries were on the road. After a period of consolidation, war-time demands resulted in further expansion and Mr. Alexander made his first block purchase in 1941, when he took over 20 vehicles operated by Fraser's Road Transport Services, Ltd., Aberdeen, which were mainly concerned with fish transport.

A further 21 vehicles were added to the fleet in June, 1943, when Davidson's Road Transport, Aberdeen, was acquired. This was followed by the absorption of three more local hauliers: Watt and Davidson; A. and G. Wood; and J. S. Wilson. When in March, 1949, Mr. Alexander's business was taken over by British Road Services, the fleet consisted of 121 vehicles.

This proved to be only a temporary suspension of the Alexander road transport activities and, in 1955, he returned to haulage with renewed zest and his company, Charles Alexander and Partners (Transport), Ltd., which was formed in 1954, acquired the B.R.S. units based at Old Ford Road

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and Rodgers Walk, Aberdeen, and at Peterhead and Fraserburgh. The Old Ford Road unit included a number of his prenationalization fleet.

In August, 1955, the assets of the Peterhead and Fraserburgh group, including approximately 68 vehicles and 13 trailers, were sold to Sutherland's of Peterhead (Road Hauliers), Ltd., in which company Mr. Alexander

acquired 50 per cent. of the shares and became chairman.

The expansion of Charles Alexander and Partners continued and depots were opened at Elgin and Macduff to serve the Highlands, and at Glasgow, Leith, Liverpool, Manchester and London. Operating more than 120 vehicles, the concern offer nightly trunk services to Manchester, Liverpool, Bolton and Sheffield, an important traffic being fish from the northern Scottish ports and Aberdeen.

There are also overnight services to Dundee, Glasgow, Leith, Elgin and Inverness, plus regular services to London and the south of England. Collection and delivery north of Inverness is effected by inter-working with Johnston and Mackenzie, Inverness.



Dundee Express Deliveries, Ltd., were taken over in November, 1958. This Austin van is seen making an early morning delivery in Nethergate, Dundee. D.E.D. have 29 vehicles.

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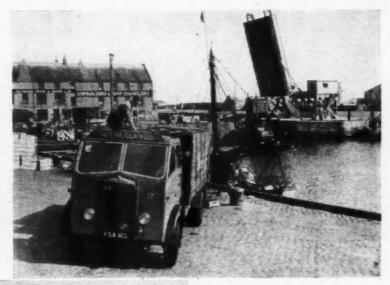
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Mr. Alexander became chairman of Sutherland's of Peterhead (Road Hauliers), Ltd., four years ago. This picture shows one of the company's Albions loading at the dockside at Peterhead.

An associated company, James Paterson and Co. (Motor Hirers), Ltd., with 31 vehicles, handles local traffic in Aberdeen.

On the vehicle side, company policy is towards complete articulation for work north of Glasgow and Edinburgh, and more than 50 articulated tractors, with interchangeable semitrailers, are already in operation in this area. The remainder of the fleet consists mainly of eight-wheelers and includes a number of three-deck livestock vehicles and contract tankers. Standardization on A.E.C., Leyland and Commer makes is in progress as





(Left) This Albion articulated outfit of Sutherland's is engaged upon long-distance work, and is shown here leaving the Aberdeen premises of Alexander's after refuelling.

A new depot and workshop covering 75,000 sq. ft. has been erected on the Rodgers Walk site and all the company's maintenance-including conversions, major overhauls, platform and bodybuilding—is carried out there. What were formerly the stables occupied by Wordie and Co. in the days before nationalization, have been converted into a two-storey warehouse where storage is undertaken for cus-

being most suited to the general needs

of the organization.

It has been found, however, that with the introduction of faster services and more modern vehicles, manufacturers are sending smaller quantities to wholesalers, resulting in less demand for bulk storage and a great deal more part-load traffic requiring speedy and efficient service.

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A big development over the past

insulated and refrigerated containers at Rodgers Walk to meet the demand for better carrying conditions for perishable foodstuffs. More than 20 of these, built in two sizes, are now in operation.

An unusual purpose to which the

refrigerated containers have been put was their use by Allan and Dey, Ltd., one of the largest fish merchants in Aberdeen, as cold storage for part of their stocks while alterations were made to their own plant.

The head office at Old Ford Road is undergoing complete rebuilding. The operational part of the premises is in process of being remodelled to deal with the handling of containers and to give separate entrance and outlet for the vehicles.

The old offices on the site have been demolished and will be replaced by a new three-storey building with all modern conveniences. During the alterations, Mr. Alexander and his staff are being accommodated in



The John Rhind undertaking was absorbed last year. This Leyland of the re-titled company is being loaded with hides at the works of the Aberdeen Hide Co.



temporary wooden offices which have been erected in the main building.

Charles Alexander and Partners work on a 24-hour basis, and they employ part-time female clerks to cover evening work and a male contingent for night duties.

The business acumen of Mr. Alexander is best illustrated by the steady growth and co-ordination of the transport companies of which he is chairman. In June, 1958, in conjunction with Mr. John Rhind, he formed a new company, John Rhind Transport, Ltd., and acquired the assets of John Rhind (Haulage Contractors), Ltd., including 40 vehicles and a fine depot at South Anderson Drive, Aberdeen, capable of housing the whole Rhind fleet and with a storage capacity of up to 8,000 tons.

The premises were originally intended as an ice rink, but had not been completed at the outbreak of war and were later damaged by bombing. Since the formation of the company under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexander, modern workshops have been erected at the rear of the depot and maintenance for the Rhind fleet was transferred there from older premises some miles away in the town. More than half of the fleet comprises modern eight-wheelers of Leyland and A.E.C. make, and trunk services are operated nightly between Aberdeen and Glasgow.

John Rhind Transport, Ltd. acquired the shares of Alex Taylor of Glasgow, Ltd., which company operates a filling station at Kennedy Street, Glasgow, New offices and vehicle accommodation have now been built to enable the station to be used as a depot for the Rhind fleet and the vehicles of Dundee Express Deliveries, Ltd., whose shares were taken over in November, 1958.

The aim of this latest acquisition is to give Dundee customers a better service. The fleet consists of 29 vehicles, of which six are furniture vans, and

An Albion articulated outfit of Alexander's making an early delivery in Aberdeen. The company are greatly exploiting the use of such vehicles.

the remainder is engaged in parcels and smalls traffic locally and to Glasgow. process of standardization and modernization with B.M.C. vehicles has already begun, and the company have acquired a 11-acre site in Bellfield Street, Dundee, on which a modern depot and warehouse is being erected.

It will include a furniture depository as well as general warehouse facilities. Origin-

ally a family business operated by Mr. R. H. Barnett, who started in 1931 with one Austin van, with the assistance of his three brothers, Dundee Express absorbed a number of other small concerns over the years and built up an excellent parcels service.

The whole of the Alexander group is working to capacity and there is substantial sub-contracting, both between the various companies and to outside hauliers. Although Mr. Alexander agrees that rates have decreased somewhat since 1952 and costs risen, the general and continuing increase in efficiency has offset these trends.

Service is more important than rates, in his view, and his own experience is that a fair rate is still obtainable for top service. Customers lost to rate-cutters have in many cases returned within a short time. Standardization and modernization go forward progressively, and it is probable that further notable developments will take place in the near future.

Work Study Proves Its Value in Transport

WORK study was universally applicable and experience suggested that it was well worth employing in most industries, Mr. J. Crosland Taylor, general manager of Crosville Motor Services, Ltd., told the Institute of Transport's North Western Section last week.

For his approach to be acceptable to the staff the individual selected needed to be mature. In considering whether employers should select one of their own staff for training as a work study officer, or whether a man should be brought in from outside, regard had to be paid to the size of the business.

A substantial company or group could well select its own man, because it would be possible to offer him continuous employment on work of this nature. Recent operation of the system in the Crosville establishment had resulted in

new and advantageous methods being

Although there would always be a percentage of people who were dishonest, the object of the bus inspectors' work was to help the crews, and not to catch them out. Prior training for inspector's work was of the prime importance.

When making such appointments, Crosville first placed the selected individual in the grade of acting inspector, so that it was possible for him to be relegated if he did not prove fully competent. This arrangement was useful in avoiding the risk of newly promoted men causing friction by being over-zealous.

A survey of past practice suggested that with the old Bell Punch system there were 84 ways of either the conductor or the passenger defrauding the operator. No ticket system yet invented was completely efficient and even with modern methods operators knew of possible evasions. The goal of one machine per conductor would eliminate most of such troubles, but only at the cost of substantially increased capital outlay.

Operators employing buses with 70 or more seats on urban routes, where passengers were frequently boarding and alighting, faced some difficult problems. On certain Crosville routes it had been practicable for additional conductors to issue tickets before departure to passengers boarding buses at various terminal points.

Answering questions on the choice of tyres for use on coaches engaged on high-speed services on motorways, Mr. Crosland Taylor said he thought that equipment with steel-cord plies was to be preferred.

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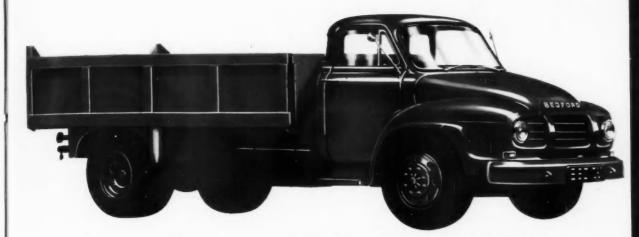
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Latest B.M.C. Models Study the Driver

ANOUNCED simultaneously last Tuesday by Morris Commercial Cars, Ltd., and the Austin Motor Co., Ltd., and on view for the first time at the Scottish Motor Show, which opens today in Glasgow, is a new B.M.C. forward-control range of 2-, 3-, and 4-ton lorries offering exceptional facilities for delivery work.

There is a new cab on all models and 16-in.-diameter wheels on the two smaller chassis. The new vehicles, which are known as the 200, 304 and 404 models, replace the existing forward-control Austin and Morris vehicles of these payload capacities, whilst the current normal-control models remain unchanged. Identical vehicles, with the exception of the radiator-grille design, are offered by the two manufacturers.

The most outstanding feature of the range is the highly functional F.G. forward-control cab designed by Morris and fitted to all three models. It provides easy access to both the driver's and the passenger's seat, and extremely good all-round vision. To simplify entry, the cab doors have been fitted at an angle on the rear quarters so that the door opening is behind the front wheels.

Wide Step

The cab floor is level with the top of the front tyres, and a wide, rubbersurfaced step is fitted mid-way between the ground and the floor of the cab. Flush-fitting handles are incorporated in the doors, and grab rails are provided on the forward door pillars.

With this arrangement, the rear-hinged doors fold back against the headboard of the standard body, which is slightly angled to permit a wide opening and equipped with rubber buffers. When the doors are open, they protrude less than 2 in outside the overall width of the vehicle.

When the doors are closed, the driver has first-class vision for manœuvring in reverse as he can look back through the closed, upwards-sliding door-window to get the same effect as is obtained by leaning out of the window of a normal cab. Additional vision to the rear is provided by a large flat glass screen in the centre of the cab back panel.

In the design of the all-steel cab, forward vision has also received much consideration and is outstanding by current standards. The deep one-piece windscreen is well wrapped-around at the quarters to the thin side pillars, which do not form the usual blind spots. Between each pillar and the leading edge of the door frame is a fixed, triangular quarter panel and a rectangular light which can be swivelled forward to act as an air scoop.

From the driver's seat of a 3-tonner with 16-in-diameter tyres it was found that a 6-ft. man could see the ground up to 8 ft. from the front bumper on the centre line of the vehicle.

To augment this view, toughened-glass panels are fitted below the normal windscreen at each of the front quarters. The panel on the driver's side is partially obscured by the box-section member which forms the windscreen sill, but the screens are useful for accurate location of the lorry when parking, and to spot children or other small objects close to the front of the vehicle. If required, they can be replaced by steel plates or by ventilator units.

The cab, which is mounted on resilient rubber cones at four points, is comprehensively equipped. The driver's seat is adjustable vertically and longitudinally, whilst the passenger's seat is fixed. Instruments are directly in front of the driver in a dash panel, hooded to prevent reflection on the windscreen.

Two ventilation flaps are provided in the cab front panel, a large section of which, including the radiator grille, can be detached for access to the radiator after releasing two Dzus fasteners. The engine covers are undersprayed with insulating material to reduce heat and noise within the cab, whilst another contribution to silence is made by the

Many Features to Enhance Safety, Comfort and Utility Devised for 2-4-ton Chassis

location of the Air-Maze intake air cleaner in a box under the passenger's seat.

The engine is farther forward in relation to the cab than in the previous Austin and Morris models. This brings the gearbox forward and allows a short, straight gear lever to be used in place of the long cranked control previously fitted to this gearbox on forward-control models.

Apart from the cab, the other major innovation for the new range is the use of 7.50-16 in. 8-ply tyres on the 3-ton model in place of 20-in. diameter equipment. They provide a loading height of 3 ft. 1½ in, for the laden vehicle when fitted with a standard body. The 2-tonner is equipped with 16-in, diameter tyres as before, whilst the 404 model has 7.00-20 10-ply tyres.

The 2-tonner has a 9-ft. 1-in. wheelbase providing a normal interior body length of 10 ft. 5 in. The 3- and 4-tonners are both of 12-ft. 1-in. wheelbase carrying 14-ft. 3-in.-long bodies. All three vehicles use the established B.M.C. 3.4-litre, four-cylindered oil engine developing 68 b.h.p. at 2,600 r.p.m. and 154 lb.-ft. torque, or the six-cylindered 4-litre petrol unit with outputs of 90 b.h.p. at 3,000 r.p.m. and 203 lb,-ft. torque at 1,000 r.p.m.

Four Speeds

With either engine a four-speed constant-mesh gearbox is fitted driven with an 11-in, diameter clutch. The gearbox has ratios of 6.061, 3.473, 1.746 and 1 to 1 in the forward gears and 6.051 to 1 in reverse. All models have new, more robust, fully floating spiral-bevel rear axles.

One final-drive ratio of 4.585 to 1 is offered with the 2-tonner. The 3-tonner is supplied with a standard ratio of 4.585 to 1, or with an alternative ratio of 5.714 to 1. The standard reduction on the 4-tonner is 5.86 to 1 with alternatives of 6.67 to 1 and 4.71 to 1 for the petrolengined version only.

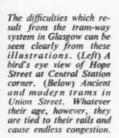
Chassis frames are conventional, with slight upsweep over the rear axle. Suspension is by semi-elliptic springs assisted by hydraulic dampers at the front axle. Cam and double-roller steering gear with a ratio of 18 to 1 actuated by an 18-in, diameter steering wheel is common to all models.

On the 3-tonner, which has 12-in. diameter brake drums (because of the use of 16-in. wheels), a vacuum servo has been added to the Lockheed braking system. The linings at the front are 2½ in. wide and 3 in. wide at the rear, giving a total braking area of 220 sq. in.

This vehicle has been road tested by The Commercial Motor: the report will be published in next week's issue. The brakes were found to be effective and highly resistant to fade.

Glasgow's Trams H

Says Ashley Taylor, A.M.I.R.T.E.



pressing reason to enter the central area in their own vehicles to use public transport.

Commercial operators acknowledge that the new parking ban has eased the difficulties of collecting and delivering goods, but whilst there has been an improvement in the main streets, there has been an increase in the number of vehicles left in the minor thoroughfares, so creating a fresh problem. In spite of the ban, congestion still occurs around the bridges and the chief inter-



Scotland's Industrial Capital has Already Taken Some Steps Towards Combating Traffic Congestion

RASTIC action is being taken to meet the menace of traffic congestion which threatens Glasgow, but it is unlikely that any real improvement can be made until trams are removed from the city centre. Good progress has already been made with the tram-conversion programme, but the central thoroughfares of Argyle Street, Hall Street, Renfield Street, Sauchiehall Street and Union Street remain to be tackled.

The abandonment of trams by Glasgow Transport Department last year passed the stage at which the number of motorbuses owned was greater than the total of trams. In 1958, mileage covered by the motorbuses, at 29.5m., exceeded the trams' mileage by nearly 6m. The provision of vehicles and their garaging, as well as the training of drivers, presents numerous difficulties, but it is nevertheless expected that the six-stage plan approved in January last year for scrapping the trams will be finished according to schedule.

Serious difficulties occur during

peak hours at the four main bridges that cross the Clyde. These are all within half a mile of each other, and vehicles using them must proceed through the centre of the city.

Fully Justified

Much contention has been aroused by the parking ban which applies to 94 streets in the central square mile. Parking is allowed only in specified places, and in certain streets where unilateral waiting is permitted for periods of 30 min. in any one hour. In October, 1958, the restriction came into force and while it is still not wholly popular, there is no doubt that a great easing in the movement of the traffic has been achieved. The chief constable of Glasgow has reported that the ban has been fully justified and generally successful, although it cannot be regarded as the full answer to the city's traffic problem.

He recognizes that whilst the observance of the regulations must cause inconvenience, their object is to constrain those drivers who have no sections in the city centre, and much of this is undoubtedly caused by the

Mr. E. R. L. Fitzpayne, general manager of the department, told me that the parking restrictions had enabled services to be improved but not to the extent that schedules could be speeded up or the number of vehicles required at peak hours reduced. Broadly, the effect has been to eliminate delays in the morning peak, during which vehicles used to be held up for 15 min. Delays in the evening peak used to extend from 15-60 min., depending upon the day and weather, but are now between 10-20 min.

Before the ban came into force, operating staff had demanded additional running times because of the peak-hour delays. In his 1958 report, Mr. Fitzpayne observed that whilst this pressure was hard to resist, longer running times would do little to improve the position. They would, in effect, increase the number of vehicles in the congested sections of route. The cure was the reservation of the main perha the

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The flow of traffic will undoubtedly be better in three or four years with the opening of the Whiteinch Tunnel under the Clyde, for this will lessen the pressure upon a number of arteries. At first, one tunnel will be provided, and this is expected to be ready in 1962. It is expected that plans for a second tunnel should be approved next year and that this route will be avail-



(Above) Heavy morning traffic on the Broomielaw. (Below) Loading and unloading, and the widest possible variety of traffic, causes considerable congestion in the Fruit Market area.



able by 1964. The idea will be to have one tunnel for northbound traffic

and the other for southbound.

The two tunnels will probably cost about £9m. Each, including bridges, will be over 1,000 yd. long and will have 22-ft. carriageways, a 7-ft. cycle track and a 4-ft. footpath. Work on the pilot tunnel began last year and excavation of the main shaft was started two months ago.

Glasgow Corporation and the Clyde Navigation Trust have been discussing possible sites for a new bridge. Early this year, the corporation put forward a plan for a bridge by Carnoustie Street, whilst the Trust suggested a bridge at West Street. Further proposals included a suggestion that sections of the Glasgow arm of the Forth-Clyde canal should be filled in and used as foundations for future roadways.

This scheme has been discussed by the corporation and the British Transport Commission. Filling in parts of the canal would form a site which might be used as the first section of an east-west through road between Alexandra Parade and the Great Western Road.

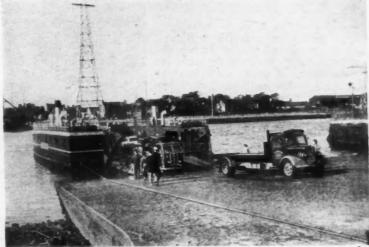
Western Road.

A casual visitor to Glasgow might sometimes think that the traffic congestion in the city is no major prob-

lem, but this may be because of this very success that has attended the city's efforts to keep traffic moving.

Nevertheless, more effort might well be made by the trading community to improve the handling of goods. Consignees in the city centre could often help if they refrained from demanding deliveries at peak hours. Under the current parking ban, some latitude is given to commercial vehicles and although this is appreciated by operators, greater help from traders would be of value.

Passenger services would derive great benefit from a comprehensive scheme of staggered hours, and whilst this would probably meet many difficulties to begin with, the spreading of the load on the public transport system would be of great advantage to all road users.



The crossing of Glasgow's waterways is a major problem, and the Renfrew Ferry carries heavy traffic in both directions.



Four men loading a Commer at Stornoway with fish. The vehicle belongs to the Lewis Transport Co. Fish is tipped out of the basket into drums.

In a Remote Part of Britain, Providers of Goods and Passenger Services Have Much the Same Troubles as Those Anywhere Else: Fear of Monopoly by MacBrayne

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RANSPORT in the Hebrides has always been fascinating. Until comparatively recent times there were no proper highways and, in the early days, with such roads as there were infested by highwaymen and cutthroats, transport was mainly by water, the perils of the sea being considered lesser hazards.

Steamer services were introduced to the Islands by the Burns family, of Glasgow, in the early 19th century and were later taken over by a relation, David MacBrayne, and David Hutcheson, chief clerk of the Burns Line. David MacBrayne, Ltd., have served the Islands ever since with their ships but have had to meet the growing challenge of road, rail and air. The development of road transport over the past 40 years severely hit the cargo trade, and the company's once busy steamer routes to mainland ports north of Kyle of Lochalsh, and to Crinan, Ballachulish. Kinlochleven, and Ardnamurchan, were discontinued some years ago.

To meet this situation it has become necessary to reduce ports of call on the Islands and to complete the conveyance of both passengers and cargo by island transport.

Goods and passenger road services are operated on Skye, Islay and North and South Uist.

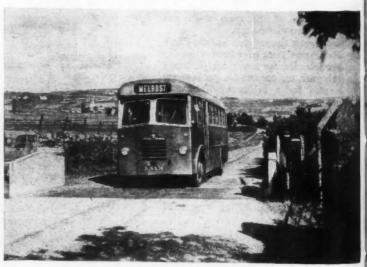
When I visited the Islands to survey the problems facing smaller hauliers and passenger operators in this part of the Scottish Traffic Area, many of those I met spoke of their fear that the expansion of MacBrayne's road transport would lead to the "squeezing out " of the small man and a virtual monopoly.

The outer islands are self-contained as regards road transport, and are served from outside by plane and steamer, but Skye has direct contacts with the mainland via the vehicle ferries. Here the independents have gained in strength during the past 10 years

at the same time as MacBrayne's have been expanding their own road services. Insularity on the part of individual operators, coupled with their suspicion of a "big brother' attitude on the part of the company, has led to a lack of co-operation and mistrust on both sides as steamer traffic steadily declined.

These views were expressed by the majority of the operators I interviewed, and typical of these was Mr. Angus Stewart, of Uig in north-western Skye, who operates cattle carriers, flats, and tippers. He was outspoken in his opposition to the extension of MacBrayne's road haulage, and feared that it was the intention of the British Transport Commission, through their associated companies, to monopolize all forms of transport in the Islands.

In support of these views he quoted priority given to MacBrayne vehicles on the Kyleakin to Kyle of Lochalsh ferry, operated by the B.T.C.-owned Caledonian Steam Packet Co., Ltd., when carrying goods to railhead at Kyle. Free-enterprise vehicles carrying similar goods, he alleged. were made to take their place in the vehicle queue, and



This Bedford of Messrs. Mitchell's, Stornoway, is just about to cross one of the cattle grids placed on the roads out of the town. The view is looking towards Laxdale.

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cited a case where one of his own vehicles, carrying lambs consigned to Inverness by rail from Kyle, was delayed for five hours and missed the train connection. The lambs had to be conveyed to their destination by road. This he regards as unfair competition, as MacBrayne's are enabled to offer much quicker delivery. Another source of complaint is the ferry charges, which at peak periods for cattle cost him £80-£90 per month.

Mr. Stewart's vehicles also carry diatomite from the island to Glasgow, returning with building materials for the Scottish Department of Agriculture, and hay from Stirling. Livestock is an all-the-year-round job, but is busiest at sales times during June and November. There is plenty of work available, in his experience, and many people on the mainland have sought his services to carry goods to Skye. Difficulties have arisen because the vehicles are on B licence with insufficiently wide conditions.

Heavy vehicles are unsuitable for work on Skye because of the narrow roads, but Mr. Stewart was loud in his praise of Albion oilers, which have covered up to 140,000 miles without a major breakdown, and have an excep-

tionally good steering lock for negotiating awkward bends and other hazards.

Mr. Ewen MacRae, of Portree, also supported Mr. Stewart's criticisms of the B.T.C. He operates both goods and passenger vehicles, but haulage is the main business. With five vehicles he engages in the carriage of livestock to Inverness, Dingwall, and the Black Isle. General trans-

In contrast to the picture at the top of the page, the process seen in this picture is of a boat receiving fuel fromavehicle. K. McLennan and Co., Ltd., Stornoway, are Esso agents, and employ a Dodge tanker to deliver oil. Although the importance of sea transport has declined, the Islands still rely upon it for their coal supplies. Here a Bedford of Messrs. Duncan MacIver is seen being loaded with coal at Stornoway. The Borough Chambers, with clock-tower, are in the background.

port within Skye includes whisky and barley for the Talisker distillery to and from railhead at Kyle of Lochalsh. C-licensed vehicles are used in connection with his coal business, and for sand and gravel which he merchants. Originally the operator of three local bus services, Mr. MacRae is now reduced to a daily service between Portnalong and Portree, which is operated with a 29-seat Austin converted into a 24-seater to allow extra luggage space. So far as bus operation is concerned, it is wholly uneconmic and would willingly be given up or disposed of.

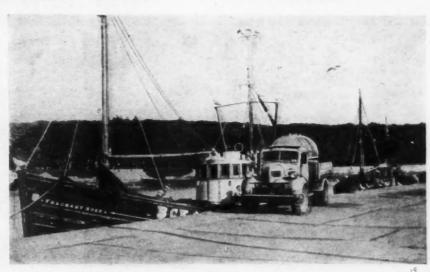
By the nature of things it is impossible to specialize, and most operators turn their hands to a variety of work. Messrs. A. Sutherland and Sons, Broadford, probably the largest independents on Skye, lay claim to serving the community from the cradle to the grave. Apart from goods and passenger operation over nearly 40 years, they are also funeral furnishers, and Mr. Alistair Sutherland says that on more than one occasion babies have been delivered in their buses.

Nine goods vehicles, of Commer and Bedford make, are in service, including flats, tippers, and three-tier cattle containers.

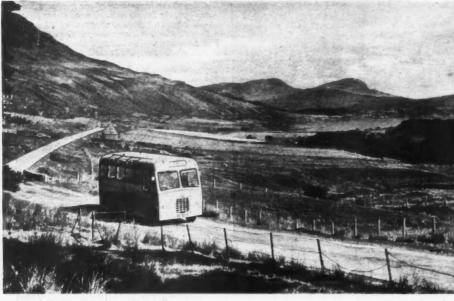
Passenger operations carried on by Sutherland's and their associated companies are quite extensive, including a weekly express service from Portree to Glasgow operated by Skye Cars with 33-seat Bedfords from May to September, travelling down Friday and returning on Saturday.

Sutherland's are also Rootes Group distributors throughout the Hebrides. As coal merchants they supply Broadford and Kyleakin schools in addition to private customers, and, on the undertaking side, complete funeral furnishing is provided. Maintenance, painting and general repairs are centralized at Broadford. The company's policy is to change coaches every three to four years, but for economic reasons used vehicles are purchased as returns do not

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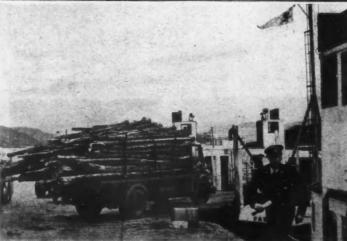






(Above) With scenery like this, how can a tours operator go wrong? For the stage-carriage companies, however, the position is more difficult. This Bedford bus of MacBrayne's runs from Portree to Kyleakin and is seen on the read to Broadford—not, as p wently, a populous area yielding high fares revenue.





(Above) This Albion cattle truck of Messrs.
R. Steele, Carbost, has just come off the Kyleakin ferry. The ruin is Castle Moye, built by a Norse princess, Saucy Mary, to exact tolls from passing boats. The ferry service is run by the British Transport Commission.

(Left) An Albion laden with timber driving on to the Kyleakin ferryboat. The vehicle belongs to Messrs. E. MacRae, Crossal, who also run buses but wish to dispose of them. Their other business interests are in coal and sand and gravel.



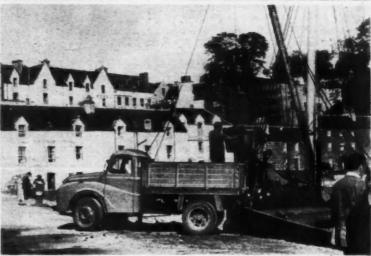


(Left) An Austin bus of Messrs. E. Ma Rae, Glenbrittle, arriving in the square at Portree. Passenger operators are being hit hard by the increasing use of private transport.

(Right) This Bedford coach is one of two owned by Mr. J. Lockhart, Portree, and is seen on the road to Skeabost at Drumnie.

(Below) Mr. Angus Stewart, Uig, one of whose Morris lorries is seen here with a load of coal collected from a ship at Uig pier, is an outspoken critic of the extension of Stateowned transport.





(Above) An Austin tipper of West End Garage, Portree, being loaded with coal from a ship in Portree harbour. Because of highway robbers, sea transport at one time played the major role in maintaining supplies to and around the Islands.





(Above) Seen near Skeabost Lodge, Skye, this Bedford of Skye Cars, Broadford, is on a tour to Dunvegan. The condition of the road can be judged. Bad surfaces add to the difficulties that operators meet. Drivers from the mainland do not often choose to return—it's too dangerous. (Left) This Bedford single-decker of Elgol Bus Services is seen collecting mail at Broadford post office.

justify heavy expenditure on new stock. With goods vehicles, different considerations apply. The difficult conditions and all-the-year round operation make new vehicles

a necessity for replacements.

Another colourful character I met in Portree was Mr. J. Stormont, the proprietor of Messrs. Stormont and Maclean, West End Garage, Portree. An ex-ship's engineer, he also spent 14 years in the Calcutta jute mills, and has his own ideas about transport. He considers Skye to be 100 years behind the times in this connection and has himself inaugurated a direct road service for agricultural fertilizers and feeding stuffs from Glasgow.

When the steamer was in operation, goods were delivered to the quayside and transported to customers in Portree, Sligachon, and Armadale by local hauliers, but on the issue of their licence MacBrayne's found it was so worded as to allow direct delivery to customers by their own vehicles instead of into store, as was the intention. The result was that this traffic was lost to independents, who protested to the Licensing Authority, and a second inquiry was held at Portree at which MacBrayne's sought to regularize the position.

The company's attitude was that it had appeared to them from the wording of the licence that the Authority

had decided that it was in the public interest that the goods should be delivered direct, and they had accordingly started to do so. As by steamer the goods had been delivered only to the quay

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(Left) This Bedford single - decker of Messrs. Nicolson's Bus Service, Borne, operates between Portree and Glendale via Dunvegan. Drivers need tohave an intimate knowledge of road conditions.



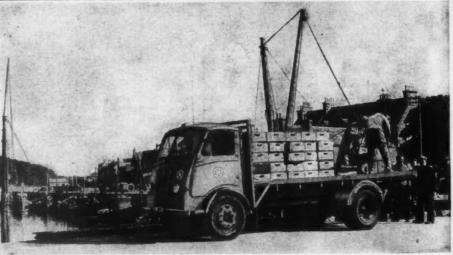
(Right) A Morris platform lorry of Mac Fisheries being loaded with fish on the quayside at Stornoway.

Mr. J. Lockhart who owns two of Skye's four Avehicles, licensed said that since MacBrayne's had started to use their own vehicles, work he had formerly done for the company, from Portree to Dunvegan, had been cut in half. He had plenty of tipper work for the

county council and was considering changing his one flat vehicle to a tipper and concentrating on this work. Mr. Lockhart, who has been in haulage since 1930, also operates two Bedford coaches on island tours and private

parties to the mainland.

One recent cause of ill-feeling between the independents and MacBrayne's was the withdrawal of a steamer service between Kyle of Lochalsh and Portree, and the substitution of road vehicles. Twenty-eight local hauliers objected to the company's application for B licences at Inverness, but withdrew after an undertaking had been given that the new vehicles would not interfere with the services of any licensed operator on Skye.



and an extra charge was made for delivery to the customer, but by road vehicle there was no extra charge, there was strong support for the MacBrayne application. Although censuring the company for breaking their undertaking, Mr. Alex Robertson, Scottish Deputy Licensing Authority, granted their application.

The outer islands have their own problems, but Mr. Robertson thinks that haulage facilities are on the whole adequate. He visits them at least once a year. Operators based in Lewis, North and South Uist and Harris, would find it difficult and expensive to attend inquiries on the mainland, and for this reason a fortnight is set aside each year to cover this area.

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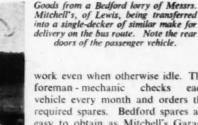
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work even when otherwise idle. The foreman - mechanic checks each vehicle every month and orders the required spares. Bedford spares are easy to obtain as Mitchell's Garage in Stornoway have good stocks.

At Lochboisdale, in South Uist. Alginate Industries (Scotland), Ltd., provide work for the Island hauliers to and from their factories, where seaweed is milled and dried, and water shipped to their chemical factories on the mainland for

processing into a chemical known as alginates.

The amount of transport required remains, on the whole. static, although some years are busier than others. If anything, Mr. C. A. Cameron, the manager, thinks it will increase, especially when the North Ford Causeway linking North and South Uist is completed next summer. Although the carriage of seaweed is a rough job, as it entails loading on the beaches and driving up makeshift tracks and over heavy ground to get back on the roads, it provides steady and lucrative work

Roads throughout the Islands are still little wider than the former rough tracks, and although the majority of the main highways are now well-surfaced, they remain narrow and difficult for heavy vehicles. Mainland hauliers who send drivers to the Isle of Skye for the first time often face difficulties in persuading them to make further trips, for without an intimate knowledge of lay-bys and danger spots on roads where it is often impossible for two heavy vehicles to pass, it may be necessary to reverse long distances, and the slightest error of judgment can result in becoming ditched or overturning.

The conclusions which I reached were that the successful operation of road transport in the Islands requires local knowledge, and, both from the point of view of efficiency and economics, should be left in the hands of local operators. Also that the present state of relations between MacBrayne's, whose services are essential to the welfare of the Hebrides, and the independents is not in the public interest. Both sides should be more co-operative.



The most important operators on Lewis are probably Messrs. Mitchell's Transport and Parcel Service, who have 25 public service vehicles, all of Bedford make, of which about two-thirds are oilers. They are used on stage and express services throughout Stornoway and the rural districts of Lewis and Harris. Private-hire work includes taking people to football matches, church services and on sight-seeing tours.

Because of the bad state of the island roads, wear and tear is a major problem and economic difficulties are enhanced by the fact that the villages on the Islands are far apart and sparsely populated. Here, too, the large increase in private cars has had its effect and it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain services.

The first bus ever to arrive on Lewis was brought by Mitchell's in 1933, and between then and 1950 their services developed and prospered fairly well. Since then, in common with other rural operators, they have found it impossible to make ends meet, the one bright spot being Stornoway town services. Although the population of the island as a whole is decreasing, in Stornoway there has been an increase. One method of adding to receipts-delivery and collection of parcels on all the company's bus routes-has proved successful.

On Harris the main operator is Mr. T. E. Cameron, whose headquarters are at the Harris Hotel Garage, Tarbert. Starting in haulage in 1914, the family business came under the control of its present owner after the first World War. when he purchased two Ford Model-T trucks and a Chevro-

let 14-seat bus, adding two Morris 30-cwt. trucks in 1926. Mr. Cameron was away from the island between 1928 and 1944, and the business was allowed to run down. Since then work has again increased and the present fleet consists of two Thames 5-tonners, an Austin and a Bedford of similar size.

The goods vehicles are used on general haulage, including peat, livestock, and the delivery of MacBrayne's goods to South Harris ports. The greatest difficulty is with undercutting, Mr. Cameron told

Two mechanics are employed full time on maintenance, as it has been found that drivers are not interested in mechanical



There cannot be many service bays with such splendid surrounding scenery as this one used by Messrs. A. Stewart, Uig. The vehicle is a Morris.



A Leyland double-decker leaving the company's depot at Cumnock, near Ayr. Vehicles of this make predominate in the Western S.M.T. fleet, and are mainly PD2 and PD3 models. Standardization is difficult because of differing topo-graphical features in the company's operating area,

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T first glance, the bottom left-hand corner of Scotland might not commend itself to the bus operator. It is a large area, extending from Greenock in the north to Hadrian's Wall (about 120 miles), and from Stranraer in the west to Moffat (70 miles). It is largely remote and agricultural in character and it is by no means heavily populated.

Yet the bare, rolling hills, supporting the sheep-rearing community and the rich, coastal acres supplying much of Glasgow's milk and much grain besides, are not the only traffic catchment areas. If they were, it is unlikely that the rural inhabitants would enjoy a service at all.

South-west Scotland is fortunately studded with towns of appreciable size. Many of them are suburbs of Glasgow; others, such as Greenock, Paisley, Dumfries and Kilmarnock, are agricultural, industrial or tourist centres having a thriving existence of their own. It is bus operation in these towns that makes possible an adequate service in the remoter, rural districts.

Western S.M.T. Co., Ltd., with headquarters at Kilmarnock, are the major operators in the area. The fleet numbers nearly 1,100 vehicles, the annual mileage is about 45m. and some 220m. passengers were carried in 1958. More fortunate than some operators in other parts of the country, 71 per cent. of the stage-carriage mileage worked by the company (39m.) is profitable.

The present company grew out of the Midland Bus Co., which was formed by Mr. J. C. Sword in 1920 to operate services between Glasgow and Airdrie, Paisley and Kilmarnock. Midland also worked express coaches to London and Lancashire as long ago as 1928; today, these

How Western S.M.T. Have Improved Their Services in an Area That is Largely Rural in Character, But Fortunately Studded with Towns of Appreciable Size

services are carrying 200,000 passengers a year. In 1932, Midland and Scottish General Transport, with their subsidiaries, Greenock Motor Services and Rothesay Tramways, merged to form Western S.M.T. At the same time, the corporation services of Kilmarnock and Ayr were absorbed by the new company.

After the uncomfortable and attenuated working of the war years, the business of W. R. Dunlop, Greenock, was taken over in 1945. Three years later, the British Transport Commission acquired the interests of the company and Western S.M.T. became part of the Commission-owned Scottish Bus Group. Dunlop's, Greenock Motor Services and Rothesay Tramways were wound up and merged in 1949, and in the same year, the Caledonian Bus Co. joined Western S.M.T. Young's Bus Service and Paisley and District Omnibus Co. followed a year later.

In the years that have followed nationalization, services



These buses are in Kilmarnock collecting schoolchildren. Tours, hiring and contracts account for more than 2m. miles of running and the carriage of nearly 4m. passengers a year.

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An "inspector's eye view" of the bus station at Ayr, a town in which the operations of the municipality were absorbed 27 years ago. A similar merger took place in Kilmarnock.

the Western S.M.T. area of operations is the low bridge, which occurs only too often on urban and rural roads.

The greater part of the fleet consists of double-deckers, of which 124 are high-bridge and 681 are low-bridge types. Seating capacities range from 53 to 67. There are 327 Leyland (mostly P.D.2 and P.D.3), 154 Guy Arab, 118 Bristol and a number of A.E.C., Daimler and Albion.

Of the single-deckers, numbering 290, 115 are service buses, seating between 33 and 44 passengers, and 110 are dual-purpose vehicles of the same capacity. There are also 65 luxury coaches, all bodied by Alexander, of Falkirk, with seating for 30 and 41. Single-decker chassis manufacturers

include Guy (96), Leyland (93), A.E.C. (24), Bristol (60),

Maudslay (12) and Albion (5).

Western S.M.T. operate 131 stage-carriage and five express routes from their 23 depots. In addition, day and extended tours, hire work and contracts account for more than 2m. miles a year, and carry nearly 4m. passengers. In general, peaks occur four times a day at the customary business hours and, perhaps surprisingly, between 9.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. Shift working in the mining areas creates peak hours peculiar to the industry: they are 5.30 a.m. to

and fleets have been painstakingly tailored to the varying requirements of the area. Western S.M.T. provide town services for five localities. These are (1) Greenock, Gourock and Port Glasgow; (2) Paisley, Renfrew and Johnstone; (3) Kilmarnock; (4) Dumfries and (5) Ayr and Prestwick. Each of these centres can be regarded as the hub of an individual operation. They are worked from depots at Greenock, Paisley, Johnstone, Kilmarnock, Dumfries and Ayr.

In addition, all the large centres of population are linked

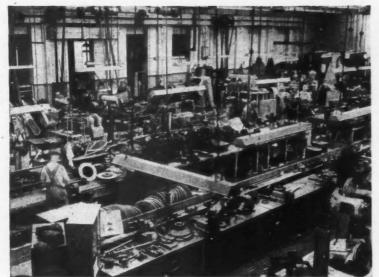
by frequent services. In the summer months the coastal road from Greenock southwards to Stranraer assumes great importance. It is dotted with popular holiday resorts and the traffic is heavy. Inland, the Glasgow-Kilmarnock-Dumfries road is a busy one, and so is its extension through Annan to Carlisle. Few of the cross-country services, linking outlying villages with the market towns, can be regarded as sound commercial propositions, but they are essential and, as such, every effort is made to retain them.

Over so large an area, with so many differing topographical features, it is impossible to standardize a fleet. Some of the town routes are very hilly (as in Gourock, Greenock and Port Glasgow); there are numerous services catering for mining districts and there is a large bus-hire business. Perhaps the only feature common to

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This map shows the disposition of the 23 depots of Western S.M.T. and their network of town, stage and express services. The company's headquarters are in Kilmarnock.



An impressive shot of the main machine shop in the company's Kilmarnock maintenance and repair centre. Vehicles are docked at 200,000 and 300,000 miles,

7 a.m., 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 9.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Western S.M.T. use, on the average, 911 vehicles at the peaks and 566 during the off-peak periods.

Overall control of the policy of the company is exercised by the chairman of the Scottish Bus Group, Mr. James Amos, from Edinburgh. Executive control is the prerogative of the general manager, Mr. William L. Sword, a son of the founder of the original Midland Bus Co. He is assisted by Mr. F. J. Campbell, chief engineer, and Mr. J. M. Harper, traffic manager.

Each depot has a district traffic superintendent, who is required to accept a satisfying degree of responsibility for the day-to-day running of operations. Duties of the superintendents include the compiling of duty schedules, discipline of uniformed staff, the making of recommendations as to provision or curtailment of services and maintenance of legal requirements.

Superintendents stand in relation to the general manager much as captains on detachment to a commanding office. There are periodic conferences at which the traffic manager acts as chairman and the minutes of their meetings are submitted to the general manager.

At the larger bus stations, inspectors control services and duplication, and in the busy industrial areas there are traffic regulators as well as inspectors, engaged in time-keeping, traffic control and stance duties. Ticket inspectors are employed throughout the area, some of them operating from patrol cars.

On the engineering side, Western S.M.T., like many other operators, are reaping the advantages conferred by modern lubricants. Oil-change and docking periods have been extended with appreciable economic results. Today oils are changed at 6,000 miles, during a

day dock. A light dock is carried out at 200,000 miles and a heavy dock at 300,000 miles. Greasing is performed at fortnightly intervals and body-washing nightly.

Workshop statistics indicate that the single deckers are giving 13.69 m.p.g. and the double-deck buses 10.51 m.p.g. Tyre life varies between 72,000 miles for the stage-service vehicles and 112,500 miles for the express coaches. A large and well-equipped workshop exists at Kilmarnock and in the past year or two, new garages have been built at Cumnock, Ayr and Greenock.

As with other operators throughout the country, the main problem facing Western S.M.T. is the decline in traffic, attributed in the main to the increased use of private transport. The aim of the management is

to maintain and improve the standard of convenience,

comfort and safety that they already offer.

At the same time internal economies are being effected wherever possible. Services which have not been receiving worthwhile support have been withdrawn, albeit with reluctance. There is also a progressive move towards substituting double-deckers for single-deckers, operating at lower frequency. Finally, double-deckers of increased capacity are being introduced where the traffic justifies the change.

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Political Commentary

By JANUS

Tip from the Porter

"WHY is the news always the same and the advertisements always different?" asked Maggie.

"I suppose for the same reason that fashions change and human nature does not," I said. "Why do you ask?"

"I was just wondering what happened to the girl we used to see covered in hair and parcels," said Maggie. "They were amusing pictures, but I never got around to finding out what she was supposed to be advertising."

"British Road Services appear to have given up the girl, for the time being, at any rate," I said.

"They have lost one reader," said Maggie. "Now do not notice their advertisement at all."

"Perhaps the girl found herself a husband," said Maggie's brother Cromwell. "That would have solved her particular transport problem. B.R.S. have nothing to teach about parcels carrying to the poor blokes I see in the

High Street every Saturday."
"Did the advertisements do whatever they were supposed to do?" asked Maggie.

"Not if they were supposed to bring about an increase in the volume of traffic carried by B.R.S.," I said. "In fact, the figure falls slightly each year."

"That may have been the idea," said Cromwell. "Funny things happen in transport advertising."

"Surely nobody pays to advertise if he is going to lose business through it," said Maggie.

"What about the announcements put out by London Transport asking you not to travel in the rush hours?" said Cromwell.

"Your friend Bloggs seems to have the same idea as you about advertising being bad for business," I said. "He never seems to advertise at all."

"I said nothing about it being bad for business," said Cromwell. "You were not listening carefully enough. In fact, Bloggs is thinking seriously of taking space in the Press, especially after what happened this summer."

"I was told he was flooded out with work," I said, "as

"Even B.R.S.," Cromwell agreed, "had more than they could cope with, in spite of their advertising. They were more fortunate than Bloggs. They simply shut the door and refused to take any more traffic, whereas Bloggs was working up to all hours of the night to get clear."

Personal Service

"I thought that was what you called personal service and free enterprise," said Maggie.

"It may have looked like that from where you were sleeping in your comfortable bed," said Cromwell. "Bloggs carried on because he had no choice. His depot belongs to him, not to the public; and the customers would not have taken 'no' for an answer. They would have broken the doors down, or 'phoned him up at home. Bloggs says that if advertising means he can get a decent night's sleep for a change he is all for it."

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"For once, then," I said, "Bloggs is nearly in step with the Road Haulage Association in their plan to do some more advertising. Nearly but not quite. He aims to lose business, but the R.H.A. resolution says the new campaign is 'for the purpose of securing an increase in the traffic carried by members.".

"Blogg is not so much interested in traffic as in what he gets paid for it," said Cromwell. "There is so much rate-cutting these days that he reckons most hauliers are

operating at a loss, and only want another 10 tons or so per vehicle per week to put themselves right out of business."

"Once again, he is almost in line with the general opinion," I said. "He might find it difficult to put his point across to his customers by means of advertising. He can hardly expect to find them interested in the fact that he wants more money. It is usually only the cut prices that find their way into advertisements. Possibly hauliers have missed the chance of advertising on these lines over the past few years."

"A little psychology is all that is needed," said Cromwell.

"It all depends on how you put your case. You are always at liberty to offer to sell your services to the highest bidder. Hauliers too often in the past have done the bidding themselves, which seems the wrong way round. Bloggs believes the right line to take is to suggest that hired transport is scarce, and worth paying almost anything to get. Take a tip from the railway porter for a change."

"It is a plausible theory," I said, "even if it does not work out in practice. Road haulage certainly ought to be in short supply, if the licensing system means anything. There is much more traffic now than before the war, and hardly any more road haulage vehicles, so that they should have plenty of work. According to the figures in the Ministry of Transport's survey of goods transport by road, this is an accurate description of the present position."

Spiv Clearing Houses

"Bloggs says it is time the hauliers woke up to the fact. He would like them to beam their propaganda in particular to the spiv clearing houses."

"I thought they would come into the picture sooner or later. Bloggs should not forget that there are also many reputable clearing houses."

"Bloggs has nothing against them," said Cromwell, "except that they take and offer traffic at too low a rate. He thinks they should be able to do something better than that. The spivs would be his real friends if they woke up to their opportunities. Outside road haulage, who ever heard of a spiv selling something for half its proper price? If only the spiv clearing houses would behave like spivs, the road haulage industry would be in clover."

"We have come a long way from the popsie with the parcels," said Maggie.

"Not really," said Cromwell. "She would do a lot to have somebody carry them—"

"Even get married," said Maggie.

"—and the traders ought to pay just as handsomely for having the haulier take over their transport headache."

"You or Bloggs seem doubtful whether the traders saw the point when B.R.S. advertised," I said.

"They overdid it," said Cromwell. "They were so wrapped up in the wonders of their own organization that they frightened the trader off. He thought that, if he put his goods into a machine as complicated as that, he would never see them again."

" And sometimes that was just what happened," I said.

"The trader wants results," said Cromwell. "He does not want to know what a miracle it is that any of his goods ever reach their destination. If we knew everything that went on in the Post Office, we should probably send all our letters by pigeon. In advertising, it is the simple touch that counts."

COTLAND, with its mixture of densely populated areas, remote rural communities and hard-toreach islands, would be paralysed without road haulage. The physical nature of the country has made it dependent upon this type of transport and its needs are supplied by nearly 100,000 vehicles.

With British Railways fighting a losing battle in many areas and closing down branch lines, the advantages of collaboration between new and expanding industries and the fleets of full-time hauliers are well appreciated. Hauliers have played a big part in

Great savings have been effected by the interchange of trailers, the employment of which reduces the amount of handling by about half. Liquids are now moved in bulk in all types of tank, and flour, chocolate, sugar, ready-mixed concrete and many other commodities are carried by specialized vehicles. Pallets have become increasingly popular, both for movement and storage.

Refrigerated vehicles deliver prime beef, fruit and fish to London in perfect condition. British Road Services, with a modern fleet of more than 1,700 vehicles, are playing an moving vehicles at a new factory covering 45,000 sq. ft. on the Newhouse industrial estate, Motherwell, and since then three additions, each of 96,000 sq. ft., have been made.

Road haulage forms the main artery for the company's materials. Apart from steel plate. which is brought by rail to the nearest station and delivered by British Railways road vehicles, everything is brought in by road.

The suppliers of raw material engage their own transport, but Euclid's main haulier for outward traffic is Sam Anderson, Ltd., Mother-

ROAD TRANSPORT Stimulates Scottish Pr

Fred Myers, Ltd., Windsor, Caterpillar dealers, sent this E.R.F. articulated low-loader to the new factory of the Caterpillar Tractor Co., Ltd., Glasgow, to collect a number of machines. number of machines. Hauliers are also employed to clear output.

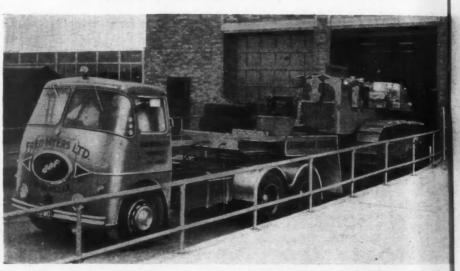
hydro-electric schemes and the construction of atomic plants in the Highlands, as well as meeting the needs of the many new factories installed during the past 10

Problems of goods movement in this part of the British Isles are different from those south of the border. Merchants and manufacturers hoping to sell goods in England

have the additional cost of transport to face, and for this reason (and better service generally) many companies arrange with their hauliers for storage and distribution.

By a close tie-up between manufacturer and haulier, costly capital outlays on premises and the high administrative cost of running depots and branches can be avoided. The movement of full loads from 8-16 tons is obviously more economic than the transport of small lots.

Although there are 5,000 hauliers in Scotland operating more than 20,000 A- and B-licensed vehicles, the general tendency is towards specialization. Bulk transport is rapidly increasing, including vehicles and trailers constituting one package when a sea or rail journey is involved, as on the Ardrossan-Larne vehicle ferry.



important part and have modernized and extended depots at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Forfar, Dundee and Campbeltown. They now operate from 36 depots in Scotland, forming part of the national network together with three branches of B.R.S. (Parcels), Ltd.

To keep the roads open in winter, the Scottish Home Department maintain Mack lorries equipped with highwing snow ploughs for clearance on trunk roads. Trailer gritters and large snowploughs are loaned to local authorities, and rotary ploughs are available for work on Soutra Hill on A68 and Dalnaspedal on A9.

An illustration of the close co-operation between new industry and road haulage is that between Euclid (Great Britain), Ltd., and several prominent Scottish hauliers. In August, 1950, Euclid began production of earthwell, who are also responsible for coal deliveries to the heating plant. Many tons of washed trebles are delivered weekly from local collieries by Anderson eight-wheeled tippers.

Euclid manufacture a comprehensive range of earth-movers. Completed units are delivered to the sites of operation, or to the docks, under their own power. Crawler tractors, however, are transported on low-loaders, and such vehicles are also used to carry partially stripped-down units for shipping overseas. These are assembled on arrival at their destination.

Spare parts and all other outgoing material are carried by Sam Anderson, whom Euclid regard as extremely efficient operators. They have supplied transport for emergencies at the shortest of notice, immaterial to the distance involved.

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Millburn Motors, Ltd., Glasgow, supplied this Leyland Super Cornet to Jean MacGregor, Ltd., Glasgow, food canners, and built the body. The vehicle has a wheelbase of 16 ft. 11 in.

By a Special Correspondent



ish Prosperity

In addition to the Newhouse factory, a subsidiary company, the Peterhead Gear Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Peterhead, manufacture the components required for gearbox transmission used on Euclid vehicles. Traffic between these factories is dealt with by another well-known Scottish haulage concern, Sutherland's of Peterhead (Road Hauliers), Ltd. From the trader's point of view, the excellent service given has done much to ensure the smooth running of production schedules during a period of rapid expansion.

Certain advantages exist in Scotland in the freer movement of traffic over the greater part of the country, compared with the growing congestion in Developing Industries in Scotland Rely Heavily on Efficient Haulage Services, But Chances of Using Them Best Must Not Be Missed

the built-up areas of the south. It is felt, however, that if this desirable state of affairs is to continue, manufacturers and merchants in the urban areas must assist by providing suitable off-road loading and unloading bays and parking spaces for vehicles waiting to be loaded or unloaded, particularly in Glasgow.

Before any new factory or warehouse is built, there is no reason why consultation should not take place with the trader's haulier in order to plan the smooth handling of goods both inwards and outwards.

Many hauliers lag behind in neglecting to provide better and more economic methods of transport, and even where a specialized service is available, lack of advertising sometimes fails to bring it to the notice of traders for whom it is best adapted.

In the Highlands, where lack of facilities and high costs go hand-inhand, many industries rely exclusively on the haulier. For instance, the Brora Coal and Brick Co., Ltd., Sutherland, have recently restarted the brick-making industry in the area and depend entirely on efficient road transport. In this respect they say they have had a fine degree of co-operation and assistance from Highland Haulage, Ltd., Inverness, and Messrs, Rapson, Helmsdale, who between them are hauling about 15,000 tons of bricks annually, in addition to several thousand tons of coal.

Countrywide Distribution

Back in the Lowlands, the Kilmarnock factory of Massey-Ferguson
(Great Britain), Ltd., requires a
countrywide distribution of its products and, since its opening in 1949,
has been well served by road transport.
The factory has 850,000 sq. ft. of
space, and agricultural machinery,
mainly combines and balers, is produced to the value of more than £9m.
annually. Of the 45,000 combines
turned out during the past 10 years,
over 30,000 have been distributed
throughout Britain mainly by road.

A round-the-clock hay and harvestspecial parts service by road and rail, including combine and baler parts currently in production at Kilmarnock, is operated by the company, giving a



The Musselburgh branch of the S.M.T. Sales and Service Co., Ltd., supplied this A.E.C. six-wheeler to Mr. S. McMeekin, Musselburgh. It has a 9.6-litre engine, double-drive rear bogie, Homalloy cab and Pilot tipping gear. S.M.T. built the body. Another similar vehicle was also delivered.

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guaranteed delivery to every distributor and dealer in the country by a stated time. This operates on a 12-hour basis, seven days a week. Emergency orders are packed and ready for dispatch within three hours of receipt.

Loading bays at Kilmarnock are equipped with overhead cranes for expeditious stowing of heavy machinery, and, although the factory was rail-connected from the start, in the early days rail could not compete with the door-to-door service offered by local hauliers such as Ayrshire Transport Services and J. Osborne, Kilmarnock; P. Hull and Moores Motors, Ayr; J. Campbell, Irvine; and Stamper's, Glasgow. A nightly trunk service between Kilmarnock and the company's Manchester factory is operated by Messrs, Wallman, Collyhurst, and Messrs. Henderson, Alston.

The introduction by British Railways during the past two years of fast through trains, and their desire to compete with road, has stimulated competition and 65 per cent. of the smaller machines made at Kilmarnock are carried away by rail. Larger machines, which are too wide for the railway, are delivered by the hauliers mentioned.

Further Opportunity

The construction of a new Glasgow plant by the Caterpillar Tractor Co., Ltd., in 1958 gave hauliers a further opportunity. This 650,000-sq.-ft. factory is a newcomer to the British industrial scene in conception, design and appearance. The most modern ideas have been incorporated in its design, materials and construction: 5,000 tons of steel went into the framework, and over 500,000 cu. ft. of concrete was poured into the foundations and floor, probably the most extensive one-level floor in the country.

The company are manufacturers of a wide range of earth-moving equipment and the factory was built to help meet demands in the sterling area. Customers are offered more than 100 products, but the main Glasgow output is of crawler tractors—bulldozers and scrapers being manufactured at Newcastle upon Tyne.

The Glasgow plant will eventually export 75 per cent. of its production and the careful planning and effort put into production has had a stimulating effect on trade in Central Scotland. The company employ a number of hauliers, including B.R.S. (Pickfords), Ltd., for local work and Glasgow dock handling; Sandy Gilmour, Glasgow, to convey tractors to Bowmaker Plant, Ltd., Wolverhampton; and McKelvie and Co., Ltd., Paisley, for all other haulage except delivery to certain authorized dealers who collect their own.

Traders generally have a great deal of praise for the efficient service they have received from their hauliers and, although there is still room for improvement in a number of cases, the Scottish haulage industry can be proud of its part in building up the economy of the country.

More Money Wanted for Roads

A "VASTLY expanded programme" for the roads and the appointment of a director of road construction were urged in the House of Lords last week by Lord Lucas of Chilworth. He was calling attention "to the failure of the existing road system . . . to match present needs and to the inadequacy of the future construction programme to provide a sound system of communication to meet the anticipated expansion of the country's economy." The railways were also included in the scope of the debate.

The Treasury should, he said, now provide the Ministry of Transport with funds for a five-year programme. In the financial year 1960-61 there should be a grant of £150m., rising over the five years to £325m. The total expenditure over this period would be about £1,120m. Lord Lucas pointed out that vehicle users were paying £500m. a year in taxation and in five years' time the sum was likely to amount to £750m. a year.

Road Director

A director of road construction should be appointed and be made directly responsible to the Minister for ensuring that the decided plan was pursued vigorously. He should be an industrialist.

Lord Lucas called for action to ease congestion in towns and made several suggestions for dealing with it. A traffic engineer—probably the chief constable—should be appointed in every town. The stopping of vehicles on main roads to load and unload goods between a stipulated time in the morning and the evening—perhaps from 8.30 a.m. until 6.30 p.m.—would have to be prohibited.

The one-way traffic system should be re-examined. All right-hand turns on 620

main roads should be banned. Bus stops within 200 yd. of a congested area should be forbidden. There should be a complete ban on waiting by all vehicles during peak traffic periods. No private vehicle should be allowed to stop for more than 15 minutes on any main road for the purpose of shopping. All local authorities should be compelled to provide off-street parks. All heavy through traffic should be forced to use by-passes.

The railways, said Lord Lucas, were creating an almost intractable problem. The railways would reach a crisis within the lifetime of the present Parliament.

"I am not going to suggest that we want a high-powered inquiry into the operations of the British Transport Commission," he said. "Yet it is not right. It is not functioning properly. And the trouble is right at the top. I am not at all certain that Parliament is not largely to blame for this. We set up a massive structure which, I think, experience has proved is not workable and is not geared to the modern age."

Lord Ferrier also thought more should be spent on the roads. The problems of road and rail were similar in some respects, yet widely different in others. Both systems needed more money. The difference was that rail transport was not earning its keep and road transport was heavily burdened with taxation, most of the proceeds of which were diverted from strictly transport ends.

He was opposed to the idea that heavyvehicle drivers should be compelled to take certain routes.

Viscount Massereene and Ferrard was anxious about the use of agricultural land for the building of roads, and asked the Government to try every remedy, short of constructing more roads, to cure the traffic problem. More traffic should be diverted to the railways, possibly by statutory compulsion.

Lord Boothby supported the demand of the British Road Federation that road expenditure should rise to £200m, a year. The national motorway programme should be completed more quickly than had been envisaged and more urban motorways must be constructed.

"C-licensees Subsidized"

Lord Burden claimed that C-licensees were being indirectly subsidized by the taxpayers, and he submitted that they, as well as A- and B-licensees, should make a greater contribution towards the cost of the roads.

Lord Merrivale wanted the Government to promote the utmost use of the railways. He hoped that, when considering applications for high-speed coach services on the motorways, the Traffic Commissioners would bear in mind the long-term repercussions on the railways.

Lord Brocket said he was a director of a company producing smokeless fuel, some of which was manufactured in Nottinghamshire and was distributed by road because the railways could not provide a proper service.

Replying for the Government, Lord Chesham, Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry, agreed that road transport would come to a halt unless the Government took vigorous action. They would look at road and rail development together. There would be emergency short-term action, as well as long-term action. On the other hand, the Government would not contemplate tearing down large parts of cities to make urban motorways. The suggestion for a director of road construction would be received with great interest.

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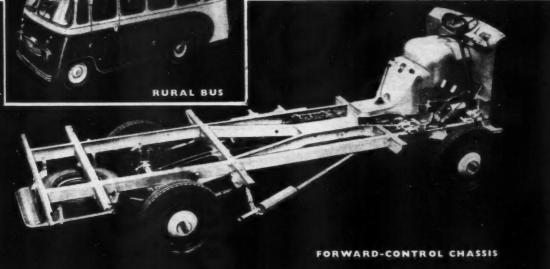




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Bold Fares Plan Outlined

NEW legislation would not be needed to make the control of fares more flexible. Only a new interpretation of the words "not unreasonable" in Section 72 of the 1930 Act would be required.

This was claimed by Mr. A. F. R. Carling, executive of the B.E.T. Co., Ltd., when he read a paper on fares structures to the Institute of Transport in London on Monday. He made a bold new approach to his subject.

Section 72 refers to fares conditions attached to road service licences, and the avoidance of wasteful competition.

"I can see no reason why all road operators, subject in competitive situations to prior agreement, should not be entitled by licence to reduce any of their scheduled fares experimentally. To continue a reduction beyond, say, one year, a substantive application would be needed to bring the reduction within the scheduled fares," said Mr. Carling.

scheduled fares," said Mr. Carling.

Such freedom would restore imagination and adventure to the lives of traffic managers. For the past decade they had been condemned to the dismal task of repeatedly raising fares within a framework of narrowing uniformity, in desperate but belated endeavours to keep pace with the diminishing value of money.

Cheap Returns

Much scope might be found for experiment. Empty seats in the evenings might be filled by cheap return fares. The use of more distant shopping centres might be encouraged by "bargain returns" in off-peak hours. Lightly loaded journeys to and from resorts at out-of-season week-ends might be improved by special excursion fares.

Traffic managers would also discover that a fares structure was not a thing of absolute rigidity and capable only of arithmetical adjustment to produce extra revenue to meet higher costs.

Operators should have limited power to raise fares, subject to: (1) the Commissioners being satisfied that there was a prima facie case for the exercise of the discretion allowed by the licence; and (2) the new fares being covered by an application to the Commissioners within, say, three months of their introduction.

The Commissioners would not lose their essential control, and the representatives of the travelling public their rights. All that would be lost would be the delay in adjusting fares.

Barlier he had emphasized that the size of passenger-transport undertakings varied from the independent individual to groups of nationalized companies. Separate undertakings enjoyed the benefit of working to individual profit-and-loss accounts. It was by the continued existence of separate accounting units that the perils of averaging fares over too wide an area were avoided. Charging was prevented from straying too far from the basis of cost.

B.E.T: Executive Calls for Greater Scope for Bus Operators to Vary Their Own Charges

The local nature of small undertakings allowed the realistic fixing of fares in another way. The normal absence of through bookings from one service to another made it easier for the operator to watch receipts per car-mile on a route basis.

Although the Commissioners in recent years sought to encourage greater uniformity in the pattern and level of fares within each undertaking, they had not generally attempted to standardize fares structures between different areas. No standardization had been attempted between separately controlled systems within the same area, other than on routes where the services of more than one operator overlapped.

Thus, said Mr. Carling, there was an enormous number of differences within fares structures in this country. They arose from differences in geography, densities of population, circumstances of competition (past and present), and the theories held by the various operators and Commissioners.

Mr. Carling confined his remarks to stage services and pointed out that although many routes were long, they were not concerned primarily with local traffic. Long routes cut down unproductive turn-round time, gave useful additional facilities and therefore revenue, but their main function was nearly always local.

Ribble and Southdown

He gave two examples. On the Ribble 53½-mile Lancaster-Keswick route, the average fare was 8½d. This represented an average journey of approximately five miles. On the Southdown 55½-mile Brighton-Southsea service via Worthing, Bognor and Chichester, the average fare was 6.35d., which represented an average distance between three and four miles.

It had long been the practice to taper the rate of charge with distance, but the degree of taper had tended to become more pronounced in recent years. The most common minimum fare in pre-war days was 1d., which was the usual price for a one-mile ride.

Today, the fare for a similar journey was sometimes 2d., but more often 2½d. or 3d.—an increase of 150 or 200 per cent. Over longer distances, the rise had not often exceeded 100 per cent., unless the old fare was subnormal.

Many of the costs of carrying a passenger did not increase with distance. For example, the driver had to stop for him only for boarding and alighting, whatever the length of the journey, and only one ticket had to be issued. Moreover, the shortest journeys were most

often made at the end of a route where traffic was heaviest and operation costs tended to be highest.

The saving from a return fare, compared with two singles, had tended to be reduced in comparison with pre-war days. In some areas, the return had been eliminated but, said Mr. Carling. "in my view the airlines have judged this matter nicely. A return fare at a cost of 180 per cent. of two singles seems to achieve the maximum advantages from returns with least loss of revenue." Some bus operators were very close to this, he added, with a ratio of 175 per cent.

The season ticket had a number of advantages for the operator, who need not sacrifice much regular revenue if the rates were kept fairly close to the cost of five ordinary return journeys a week.

Extra journeys at week-ends made by holders would probably be cancelled out by odd days of sickness or holiday, or the benefit of lifts from car-owning friends. Peak-hour pressure on conductors was reduced, with less chance of other fares being missed.

Rigid Fixing

All fares of whatever category were within the jurisdiction of the Commissioners, but they should not fix all fares with such rigidity that operators could not adjust them except by lengthy processes.

Today almost every fare was absolutely fixed—regardless of competition or cost of operation. "This state of affairs appears to me to be not only undesirable but indefensible," said Mr. Carling.

Mr. Carling's paper was part of a symposium. Dealing with rail fares, Mr. A. W. Tait, assistant general manager. Eastern Region of British Railways, said that their present structure was going through an evolutionary process. It must face further adaptation if it were to safeguard the survival of railway passenger services in a rapidly changing world.

An interesting development in recent years had taken place on local provincial services outside London. Most of the fares on those routes no longer had any defined relation to the rest of the structure, but were determined by the level of local bus rates.

Mr. J. L. Grumbridge, general commercial manager, British European Airways, said that the domestic air system was fortunate to have fares controls which were less restrictive than those for rail and road.

The B.E.A. network had no rates per mile, nor point-to-point fares imposed by statute or authority. Nor, indeed, was there any specific obligation to clear fares proposals with a Ministry. However, this freedom has been voluntarily abjured.

The report from the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries made it clear that B.E.A. had accepted a situation in which they sought the Government's approval when wishing to change any domestic fares.



OUNTING pressure on available road space is the changing element that faces every road operator today. Once a negligible factor, this element has, in recent years, cut deeply into operational planning. Although the impact of this trend took somewhat longer to register on the Scottish section of the road transport industry than it did south of the Border, there have always been additional difficulties, in the shape of countless ferries, in Scotland.

Fluctuations in ferry traffic, which frequently occur during the summer months, have become a problem of increasing magnitude over the past few Profit and Loss on

years. But an even greater handicap in many parts is the lack of ferries, which can mean that 20 miles or more have to be covered to reach a spot only a furlong distant, as the crow flies.

Viewing Scotland as a whole, and comparing the position with that in England, the experienced transport operator would not regard the total amount of road congestion as being really serious. But on some routes

conditions are as difficult as anywhere in the kingdom, with countless vehicle hours lost as a result of delays.

In certain cases the road improvements programme will iron out the difficulties in the relatively near future. By far the greatest project on the Scottish schedule, at the present time, is the construction of the Forth road bridge and its approaches. It is due to be finished in a little over five years' time and will cost in the region of £16m.

A body known as the "National Forth Road Bridge Committee" was formed six years ago to press for the development of this scheme, which is of the utmost importance to the growth of industry in Fifeshire. The present crossing at Queensferry is subject to a weight limit of 11 tons, which forces much heavy traffic to make an enormous detour by way of Kincardine.

There is also evidence of great need for a bridge across the Firth of Tay to give a direct crossing from Dundee. In this way operators would avoid the use of the Dundee-Newport ferry, with its various restrictions, or making the



(Left) Canal Bridge, near Castlecary, a traffic blackspot on the Glasgow-Stirling road. (Right) Delays on journeys to the Isle of Skye, by way of the Kyle of Lochalsh Ferry, are common, as can be seen from this illustration.

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(Left) This photograph, taken from the north bank, shows the progress being made on the construction of the new Forth road bridge. (Right) Road inprovements at Linlithgow which are due to be completed by the end of the year.

detour to Perth, which can add anything up to 60 miles to a journey.

Following a period during which relatively little construction was undertaken, a great deal of work on road projects may now be seen in Scotland. More than a dozen major operations, the cost of each running into six figures, are now being implemented.

As already indicated, traffic congestion on the English scale is unusual north of the Border, but when the roads are abnormally busy delays do occur. Most of the black spots seem to be at places where improvements are being carried out, and it would appear that it is the holiday coach and bus traffic that suffers mostly. At week-ends, and during the holiday periods, there is little enjoyment for drivers along Lomondside, especially between Balloch and Tarbet, while



similarly poor conditions apply on the Helensburgh - Garelochhead -Arrochar route.

Another trouble spot occurs where the main road at Prestwick is cut by extension being built, which would then occupy the land which might otherwise have provided scope for a by-pass road.

Delays are common at the Renfrew and Erskine ferries, especially at week-ends and Bank Holidays. In 1958, when the matter became increasingly serious, the Automobile Association complied with a request from the Clyde Navigation Trust to signpost roads from the A74 route at Abington, to take northbound traffic away from the ferries and Lomondside. This action eased congestion, but the desirability of a bridge over the Clyde, which is favoured by both Renfrew and Dumbarton County Councils, is obvious

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By The Northern Editor

Highway Developments Are Bringing Improved Conditions But Frustration Continues At Many Places the airport runway. Barriers and traffic lights frequently control the vehicle flow when aeroplanes are landing and taking off, and the A77 road is temporarily closed. The possibility of a diversion has been discussed, but local people say that the odds seem to be in favour of a runway



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Although the numbers of vehicles using the ferry across Loch Carron at Strome, Ross-shire, are not great, the situation there is widely regarded as the most troublesome and unsatisfactory in Scotland. The weight limit is seven tons, which forces the bulk of commercial traffic to make the considerable detour to Inverness.

Even small commercial vehicles suffer severely, and delays up to 3½ hours have been experienced during the past season. The answer appears to be the construction of a new road from Strome Ferry to Strathcarron, the cost of which has already been estimated at more than £600,000.

Delays are also experienced on journeys to and from the Isle of Skye by way of the Kyle of Lochalsh. The pressure here has been relieved somewhat by the reopening of the vehicle ferry between Glenelg and Kylerhea, but unfortunately the approaches to this crossing lack passing places.

Toll Charge Feeling

Just north of Oban is Connel Bridge, which is essentially a railway crossing with a track for road vehicles at the side. There is a strong feeling among road users that the heavy toll charges should be withdrawn or that a new road bridge be built. The direct journey between Connel and Ballachulish is approximately 30 miles, and while the bridge may be avoided by taking the route through Dalmally and Glencoe, this increases the distance by 35 miles.

Although appreciating that major construction work cannot be carried out without some inconvenience to road users, transport operators cannot avoid a feeling of exasperation over the chaotic conditions frequently encountered on the A80 road between Glasgow and Stirling. An improvement scheme on the stretch between Luggie Water to a point west of Cumbernauld is now in progress, however. When completed, next summer, it will have cost £434,000.

Plans for improving the section between Dennyloanhead and Denny have been in existence for some time, but recently it was decided to introduce a new scheme for the construction of a motorway. It has been suggested that the change of plan will mean a delay of five years in the completion of this section and, as a result, representations have been made to the Secretary of State for Scotland. Another improvement on the A80 road is the Muirhead diversion, a £170,000 scheme scheduled for completion by next June.

Despite the improvement plans, there appear to be many occasions when the carriageway is restricted, resulting in the pile-up of long strings of traffic and a serious loss of running time. Altogether the A80 road seems to be one where an acceleration of the programme would be of the greatest advantage.

A great volume of commercial traffic uses the A74 Carlisle-Glasgow highway, which is being improved at a number of points. It is this constructional work that is largely responsible for the delays that occur between Gretna and Lockerbie, Johnstone Bridge and Beattock, and between Beattock and Crawford.

A sum of more than £500,000 is being spent on an improvement scheme between Dalmakethar and north of Lockerbie, whilst £471,000 is going on the section between Johnstone Bridge and Beattock, £712,000 on the stretch between the Newfield Inn and the South Mill Bank and another £125,000 for the completion of the scheme at Paddy's Rickle Bridge. All these projects are due for completion during the coming year.

Good Results

Some good results have been achieved by the Bridge of Allan diversion near Dunblane, on the A9. Farther on, between Perth and Pitlochry, there are more improvement schemes which are liable to cause congestion. Southwards, conditions will be improved at the end of the year, when the new crossing and approaches at Linlithgow Bridge, which will cost £164,000, will be completed.

At Glasgow, nominally on the A8 road to Greenock, the main item of interest is the scheme for the construction of the first Clyde Tunnel. On the southerly sector of the A77 road, from Ayr to Stranraer, periodical complaints are heard of delays north of the Wigtown county boundary, near

Cairnryan. Here again the trouble can be attributed to an improvement scheme, but the work should be complete by the end of the year.

Along the much-maligned route from Fort William to Mallaig, some £420,000 is being spent on a road-improvement scheme between Glenfinnan and Lochailort, with work due to continue until the end of 1961. Something like £500,000 is being spent on a diversion between Glen Garry and Glen Moriston, which will improve the link between the A82 and the Kyle of Lochalsh, terminal for the Isle of Skye ferry.

Replanning Advantages

Scottish operators rarely take a pessimistic view of their situation, for they realize that road conditions north of the Border do not create problems of the same scale as those experienced in England. Nevertheless, it is apparent to all concerned that great benefit and economic advantages would be achieved by imaginative overall replanning of the Scottish road system.

It is widely contended that considerable entirely new road construction is desirable, even if only to give added scope to the expanding tourist industry. One scheme of particular interest in this respect is the Cairngorm motor road, which was started early this year. It will climb to Loch Morlich, to enable touring vehicles to drive two-thirds of the way to the summit. The intention is to develop a winter sports centre, possibly with a chair-lift running from the road head to the top of the 4,084-ft, peak.

The Roads Campaign Council have suggested that "it would be a rash man who would deny that Scotland is losing £50m. a year on her deplorable, antiquated roads." For that reason a policy of enterprise in road construction is vitally necessary to Scotland.

No C. and D. Van for Scottish Work

OPERATION for subsidiary companies did not absolve an applicant from meeting the full requirements of normal procedure, said Mr. W. F. Quin, Scottish Licensing Authority, when he refused an application by N.M.U. (1953), Ltd., at Glasgow last week.

The Munro appeal, he said, clearly stated the evidence required for additions to a fleet, or in application for an A licence for collection and delivery work in connection with trunk services, N.M.U. had not produced such evidence.

The company sought an A licence for a vehicle of 3 tons for collection and delivery work within 60 miles of base. Mr. P. Kenny, for N.M.U., said that the vehicle was required for work performed

by the company as a subsidiary of Rowntree and Co., Ltd., and their associates, Gray, Dunn, Ltd., and W. and M. Duncan, Ltd.

The applicants operated a trunk delivery service from Birmingham, London, Liverpool and York into the Glasgow area.

Periodic delays to the trunk vehicle and its difficulty in making multiple drops had encouraged N.M.U. to seek a supplementary collection and delivery van. It would undertake only existing work and would not abstract work from local hauliers.

For the objectors, Mr. R. Mackenzie claimed that the traffic from Birmingham and Liverpool was essentially competitive general work.

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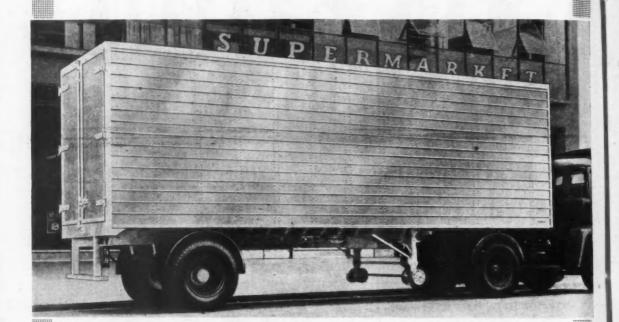
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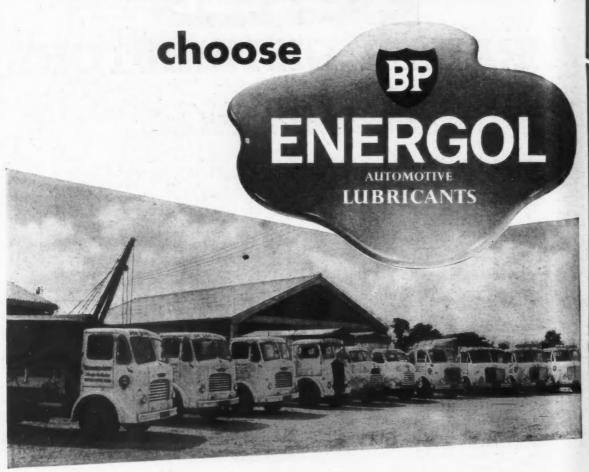
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Looking south down the motorway, the northbound A.E.C. northbound A.E.C., driven by Tony Ellis, is seen in the Friars Wash area. Note the good lane discipline of all the vehicles in the picture.

By John F. Moon, A.M.I.R.T.E.

HERE is less saving in time when travelling between London and Birmingham on the new M1 motorway, instead of A5, than might previously have been thought. This is because M1 has relieved A5 of many vehicles, and progress along A5 is easier than before, although, of course. not so fast as on M1.

On Wednesday of last week, I arranged a series of comparative runs with four vehicles over these two roads. Results obtained backed up the findings

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of the Road Research Laboratory and Birmingham University concerning the effect that M1 would have on traffic

(as reported in The Commercial Motor last week).

My tests showed that an eightwheeler running from London-Birmingham on M1 saved 14 min. over the motorway section of the route, compared with a similar vehicle using A5, whilst the difference southbound was 33 min. Respective savings in the case of two typical 7-tonners were 27 min. and 22 min.

In the case of the eight-wheelers, MI had the additional advantage of offering a gain in fuel economy. although the reverse applied in the case of the 7-ton vehicles. Nevertheless, all the tests showed an improvement in the time-load-mileage factor, the increased average speed offsetting the heavier fuel consumption of the 7-tonners.

It is perhaps a little early yet to forecast how much traffic will eventually settle down to the regular use of M1, and how much will return to or continue to use A5. The human aspect comes into this. At the moment there are no facilities for lorry drivers to obtain refreshment along the 65-mile OVERALL RESULTS IN A NUTSHELL

Vehicle and Weight	M1 (214 miles)				A5 (210 miles)			
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Bedford 7- tonner 10 tons 6½ cwt. gross	15.05	34.25	155.4	5,323	16.05	29.9	165,7	4,954
A.E.C. eight- wheeler 24 tons 6½ cwt. gross	8.45	28.00	205.6	5,759	7.825	25.0	190.3	4,756

This map shows the routes taken by the vehicles during the comparative tests. The London-Birmingham jour-· Coventry ney by M1 was two miles longer than that by A5. Northampton Bletchley length of the motor-St. Albans between wav Street, south of St. Barnet Albans, and Dunchurch. However. MI LOVOV. superb, and will make regular road users im-

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The four vehicles selected for these tests were two A.E.C. Mammoth Major Mark V eight-wheelers, in chassis-cab form and carrying iron test weights. and two Bedford SEZ 14-ft.-wheelbase 7-ton drop-siders. All these vehicles were in perfectly standard trim, with no "gimmicks" by way of overdrives or up-rated engines.

I had specifically arranged this because I wanted the test vehicles to be representative of the types of lorry which would be likely to be in service at the time that M1 was opened. Impressive results could have been obtained with more specialized vehicles, but such vehicles are unlikely to be in normal service.

The A.E.C. chassis were of the latest

type, as introduced at Earls Court last year. models can be distinguished from their predecessors by the set-back front bogie. which gives a cab entrance step ahead of the leading front wheels and affording easy cab access.

The chassis had the new AV590 125 b.h.p. oil engines, five-speed conators should find M1 of direct benefit. stant-mesh direct-top gearboxes, and G31

The four test vehicles are seen lined up in Temple Press car park before starting at 8.14 a.m. with full fuel tanks.

single-drive rear bogies with double-reduction 6.22-to-1 driving axles.

This gearing gave a maximum speed of 38 m.p.h. at the governed engine speed of 1,800 r.p.m. The vehicles had been loaded up to a gross weight, less driver and passenger, of 24 tons 3 cwt., so were used at a gross vehicle weight of 24 tons 64 cwt.

The Bedford models were the recently introduced long-wheelbase 7-tonners with 18-ft. bodies. Here again, the specification was standard, including the Bedford 97 b.h.p. oil engine, four-speed direct-top synchromesh gearbox, and Bedford two-speed rear axle with ratios of 5.83 and 7.95 to 1.

Concrete blocks, each weighing $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., were carried in the body, and the gross weight was 10 tons $6\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. with two men in the cab.

To make these test runs even more like normal operating conditions, I had asked that both A.E.C., Ltd., and Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., supply drivers who were neither sales demonstrators nor from their experimental departments.

Vauxhall sent along Frank Green, who works for their supply department and is normally engaged on long-distance journeys in Bedford 7-tonners, whilst A.E.C. delegated Terry Anstiss and Ron Taaffe, both of whom are fitter-drivers at the A.E.C. works. Other personnel engaged on these runs were Colin Prebble and Guy Tidbury from Vauxhall, Derek Miller from A.E.C., and my colleague Tony Ellis.

To secure representative average



results, 1 arranged that one 7-tonner and one A.E.C. should travel north by M1 while the other two vehicles used A5, and that the position should then be reversed on the way back so that northbound A5 vehicles returned to London by M1.

The four vehicles were assembled at Temple Press, Clerkenwell, London, at 7.30 a.m. and the fuel tanks were topped up from cans before starting out at 8.14 a.m. Because of traffic lights and other hold-ups, the convoy soon became separated, although all took the same route out of town. This was by way of King's Cross, York Way, Junction Road, Archway Road, High Road Finchley, Barnet and thence on to the St. Albans road.

I was driving the leading Bedford, which was to take the M1 route. Behind me was Frank Green in the other Bedford, which was to use A5.

Next in line was Terry Anstiss in the A5 A.E.C., and the rearguard was Tony Ellis in the M1 A.E.C.

Northbound Journeys

M1 Bedford: Little traffic was encountered on the way out of London, other than inevitable hold-ups at Tufnell Park and Archway, Highgate, and Barnet was entered 40 minutes after leaving Clerkenwell. Traffic was normal between Barnet and the northern end of the London Colney by-pass, where a left turn was taken on to the North Orbital Road. Soon after this the Park Street spur of the St. Albans by-pass section of the motorway (M10) was entered, the time being 9.14 a.m.

This section is normal two-lane dual carriageway built to motorway standards, and starts with the steepest gradients on the whole motorway. Because of the roundabout at the bottom of this slope, it is impossible to take a run at the hill, so I had to use low axle ratio for several minutes and the speed was well below 30 m.p.h.

Having breasted the rise, however, high axle ratio was engaged and used throughout the rest of the motorway journey. Once having joined the MI proper, some 4½ miles from the Park Street entrance, the carriageways are three-lane as far as the M45 spur just north of Watford, Northants,

The first service area, close to Newport Pagnell, was reached at 9.58 a.m., and here I pulled the Bedford off the road for a quick check on tyre temperatures in case sustained high-speed driving was causing



The two vehicles that took the A5 route north are seen at the Archway junction, Highgate. Morning traffic was light. 959

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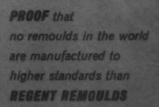


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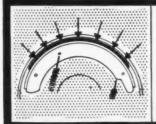
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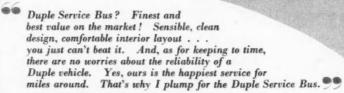
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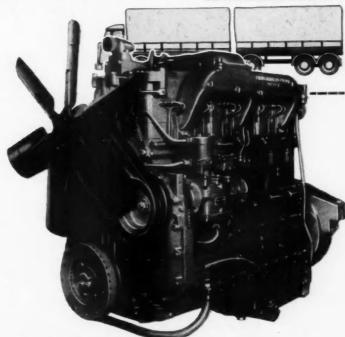






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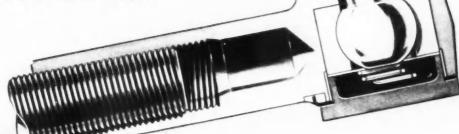
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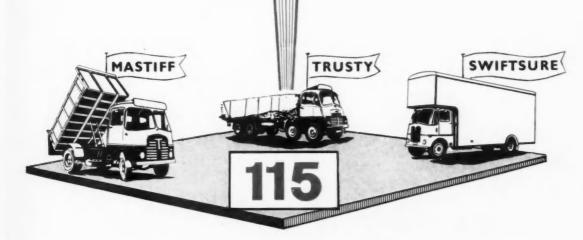
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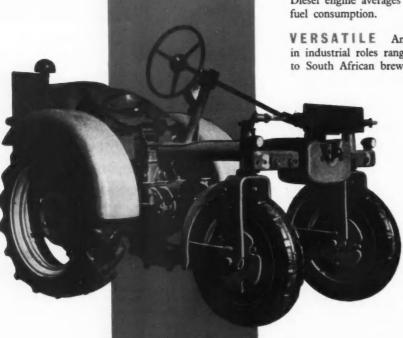
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The two Bedford 7tonners and the M1 A.E.C. are shown waiting at Sheldon Motor Services for the other A.E.C. to arrive from London. The two A.E.C.s were only 14 min. apart at the finish, but there were 27 min. between the Bedfords.

a dangerous build-up of heat. The U.S. Royal 8.25-20-in. (12-ply) tyres were barely warm, however, so the MI was quickly rejoined, only half a minute having been lost.

By this time we had passed several heavy vehicles which had obviously suffered tyre trouble, sights which had acted as an incentive for Colin Prebble and I to check the tyres of our own vehicle. It was disturbing to see that several of these vehicles had pulled off the main carriageway on to what are erroneously termed the "hard shoulders."

Not only do these not appear strong enough to bear the weight of even a fully laden four-wheeler, but they are scarcely wide enough to accommodate an 8-ft. wide lorry, which means that extreme care must be taken when using them.

Generally the traffic discipline on the road was of a high standard, and obviously the initial enthusiasm shown by the racing fiends on the opening Monday had started to wane.

It was noted that only those vehicles equipped with flashing direction indicators at front and rear were able to give really clear signals of their intention to overtake. Particularly useless were the old-fashioned semaphore type, which could scarcely be seen day or night, and when employed on a fast-moving car, have to battle with wind resistance. This results in their either not going out at all or, once out, refusing to go back.

I was able to keep the Bedford cruising comfortably at about 50 m.p.h., and because of the good grading of M1 (the maximum slope is 1 in 30) the minimum speed at any time once on the main part was 28 m.p.h. On slight down gradients the engine overran the governor to give a highest noted speed of 58 m.p.h. The Bedford's normal maximum speed on the flat was about 53 m.p.h.

The two-lane spur leading to Dunchurch (M45) was reached 1 hr. 16 min. after entering the motorway at Park Street, the distance involved being about 57 miles. A45, eight miles farther on, was reached in 10 min., the somewhat sharp roundabout marking the end of the motorway having the useful effect of necessitating a sharp reduction in speed-provided that one knows it is there. The 65 miles from Park Street had been covered at an average speed of 45.2 m.p.h.

Once back on normal roads again, I cruised the Bedford at between 36-38 m.p.h. and reached the finishing point, Sheldon Motor Services, Sheldon, at 11.22 a.m. The distance from London was 107 miles. At this garage, arrangements had been made for all the vehicles to be refuelled, and our Bedford needed 7.2 gal. to top up its tank.

M1A.E.C.: Tony Ellis was driving this vehicle and he reached Barnet 50 min. after leaving Temple Press. M10 was reached at 9.25 a.m., and the gradient was climbed in fourth gear. Thereafter he cruised the A.E.C. at 38 m.p.h., which is its maximum speed, and reached Dunchurch at 11.22 a.m.

The journey was completely uneventful, the minimum speed at any time on the motorway being 20 m.p.h., and only once was there need to change out of top gear. The Park Street-Dunchurch stretch of motorway had been travelled at an average speed of 33.3 m.p.h.-not bad for a 24-tonner with a maxium speed of 38 m.p.h.

Sheldon Motor Services was reached at 12.11 p.m., 3 hr. 57 min. after leaving Clerkenwell and 49 min. after the leading Bedford had arrived. The consumption rate was 8.05 m.p.g., and the average speed for the complete journey 27.2 m.p.h.

A5 Bedford: Frank Green, in the second Bedford 7-tonner, was not far behind me on the way out of London and reached the turn-off point to M10 4 min. after our Bedford had done so.

From then onwards hardly any traffic at all was encountered along A6 to St. Albans and northwards along A5. Not only was traffic sparse, but the usually

densely populated café vehicle parks were almost deserted. At six cafés noted between Dunstable and Dunchurch, only 33 vehicles were parked outside, but between Dunchurch and the Coventry by-pass there were 28 vehicles using two cafés.

Frank experienced no hold-ups at St. Albans-in itself an amazing thing—and similarly went straight through Dunstable, Stony Stratford and Towcester as if his were the only vehicle on the road.

The Bedford was cruised at about 40 m.p.h., which Frank claimed to be a normal speed, and on down gradients it was allowed to run up to 45 m.p.h.

The 105-mile journey between Clerkenwell and Sheldon occupied only 3 hr. 35 min. Average speed was 29.2 m.p.h. and the overall consumption rate 15.4 m.p.g. I am sure that the fuel consumption would have been heavier had this journey been made before M1 was in operation, whilst the average speed was much higher.

A5 A.E.C.: A similar story was told by Terry Anstiss who took the second A.E.C. over the same route. He reported that any traffic that he did encounter was moving at a good speed and offered no obstruction.

It was obvious that not only was the absence of many goods vehicles making it possible to maintain a good average speed, but also the scarcity of cars was helping. As most drivers will tell, any chance of overtaking a slowmoving vehicle is often spoiled on such a road as A5 by cars coming in the opposite direction.

It is interesting to compare the time taken for this A5 A.E.C. to do the journey between the two ends of the motorway with the time taken for the M1 vehicle: the difference was only 14 min. Thus, as the table on page 506 shows, the vehicle journey times for the two sections south and north of the motorway were identical.

The top-up at Sheldon showed that the A.E.C. had averaged 7.73 m.p.g. for its "old-style" journey, the speed averaging 25 m.p.h.



(Left) It was getting dark by the time the four vehicles left Birmingham on the homeward journey. This picture was taken on A45 near Elmdon and shows the two A.E.C.s and one Bedford getting into their stride. The finishing point was the Lex garage in King's Cross Road, London.

Southbound Journeys

FOR the return journeys, the routes of the vehicles were reversed and the starting time from Sheldon was delayed until 4.5 p.m. so that experience of night driving on M1 could be obtained. Most of the journeys were made in heavy rain.

M1 BEDFORD: Guy Tidbury was at the wheel of this vehicle, and reached the Dunchurch end of the motorway 42 min. after leaving Sheldon, the distance involved being 22 miles. After a clear run along the motorway, the North Orbital Road was joined at 6.14 p.m., giving an average speed for the 65 miles of 46.5 m.p.h.

Guy found the traffic in north London appreciably heavier than it was in the morning on the way out, but he managed to reach the finishing point an hour after leaving M1.

M1 A.E.C.: For my return down M1 I drove the A.E.C. that Terry Anstiss had brought up A5 in the morning. M45 was entered 1 hr. 5 min. after leaving Sheldon, and once on the motorway I was able to keep up a steady 38-39 m.p.h. with the engine running on the governor.

The minimum speed at any time during the return journey was 21 m.p.h., and it was obvious that gradients on M1 are more favourable when running south. This meant that I was able to complete the section between Dunchurch and Park Street in 14 min. less than Tony Ellis took to drive the other A.E.C. northwards over the same stretch.

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	Vehicle	Northbound (London, Clerkenwell, to Birmingham, Sheldon)				Southbound (Birmingham, Sheldon, to London, Clerkenwell)			
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Figures in black type refer to journeys along M1.

My M1 journey was not entirely uneventful. A certain amount of excitement was provided by a fellow in a large Riley who went right past the approach road to one of the service areas and then suddenly changed his mind, braked and turned sharp left up the exit road less than 20 yd. ahead of us while we were doing 38 m.p.h.

Because of the more favourable grading, appreciably less fuel had been used on this run than on any of the other journeys and the consumption rate was 8.85 m.p.g. This was despite the fact that both on and off the motorway I had driven the vehicle almost continuously at full throttle.

A5 Bedford: Frank Green took the other 7-tonner back to London along A5, and once again the journey was quite uneventful, although there seemed to be a little more traffic on the road than there had been in the morning. Nevertheless he managed to reduce the journey time by 7 min. compared with that taken by the other Bedford on the outward journey, and the trip was only 22 min. longer than the time taken by the M1 vehicle.

The consumption rate for this return run along A5 was slightly better than that recorded by the M1 vehicle running in the same direction, and better also than those recorded by the Bedfords when running north.

From this it is clear that use of M1 slightly increases the fuel consumption on a standard vehicle of this size. It also shows that along either road better fuel-consumption figures can be expected on southbound journeys than

in the reverse direction. This applied to the A.E.C.s as well.

A5A.E.C.: Ron Taaffe drove the second A.E.C. back to London along A5 and he reported a noticeably larger number of lorries at each of the cafés which he passed between 5-6 p.m. than had been observed in the morning, suggesting that a return to A5 had already started. Traffic was not thick, however, and the 105-mile journey was completed at an average speed of 24.75 m.p.h. This is good for a 24-ton-gross vehicle.

The A.E.C. results show that the M1 fuel-consumption figures are better in each direction than the A5 figures. This was undoubtedly because vehicles of this type are likely to be running at full throttle on either road, but that A5 would demand more gear changing. M1, even with a heavy vehicle, can be traversed almost from end to end in top gear.

Although this top-gear performance on M1 also applies to the Bedfords, they would be running at full throttle on M1 but not on A5. It must be remembered also that the Bedfords had two-speed axles, which gave eight forward ratios compared with the five of the A.E.C.s, and so helped on hills and in towns.

General impressions of the motorway were more than favourable, with the exception of the danger of the soft "hard shoulders." A particular danger in this is that if a bogged down vehicle has to be dragged off, the recovery vehicle has to straddle the carriageways: a great hazard in fog. THE4
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THE 42nd biennial Scottish Motor Exhibition opens at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, today and closes on Saturday, November 21. Except on Sunday it is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Lord Selkirk, First Lord of the Admiralty, will open the exhibition officially at noon today, and on Monday will be the principal guest at the Scottish Motor Exhibition Banquet.

Prices of admission are as follows:-Wednesday, November 18, 10 a.m. —5 p.m., 10s., 5 p.m.—9 p.m., 2s.; Tuesday, November 17, 10 a.m.—9 p.m.,5s.,5aturdays,10a.m.—2 p.m., 5s., 2 p.m.—9 p.m., 2s.; other days, 10 a.m.—5 p.m., 5s., 5 p.m.—9 p.m., 2s. For children under 14 years of age these prices are halved.

On the right is a plan of the exhibition hall. The stands on which over 125 commercial vehicles appear are marked with the holders' names. Division of the other stands is indicated by shading and the key at the bottom left corner of the plan.

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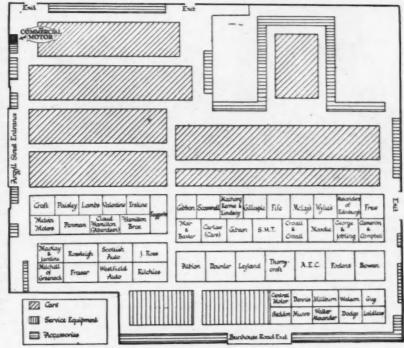
"The Commercial Motor" stand is just to the left of the Argyle Street entrance.

A FTER the spate of new models introduced last year at the London Commercial Motor Show, it is not surprising that completely new vehicles are something of a rarity at the 42nd Scottish Motor Exhibition which opens at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, today. As at the previous Scottish Show in 1957, 23 makes are on display, but Seddon are now stand holders, making the number of manufacturers exhibiting 11. The remainder of the 52 stands which feature commercial vehicles are occupied by distributors.

Local interest is sustained by new Albion models. These are the Chieftain Series II chassis which supersede the Chieftain Series I range introduced at Earls Court last year. The new vehicles retain many features of the previous models, including the easy-entry forward-control cab, but have a new, higher-powered four-cylindered oil engine and an improved braking system. Also to be seen for the first time at an exhibition is the latest time at an exhibition is the latest Albion Reiver light six-wheeler, powered by the Leyland O.375 oil engine, for 10-ton payloads.

Those operators concerned with local-delivery work will find much to interest them on stands showing the new Austin and Morris F.G. forward-control range of 2-, 3- and 4-ton models described fully on page 483 of this issue. The cab fitted to these vehicles provides exceptional all-round vision and greatly simplifies access to both the drivers' and passengers' seats.

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Over 125 Vehicles at Kelvin Hall

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In addition to two vehicles with their attractive forward-control cab inside the hall, Guy have the prototype of their advanced Wulfrunian low-height double-deck bus in the demonstration park. This model has a front entrance, disc brakes and air suspension at all wheels.

Other innovations include the Bedford and Dodge forward-control 12-ton tractor units, the Dodge 6-tonner with the new Perkins Six 305 engine, and the recently introduced Seddon 16-ton-gross tractor unit with Scammell coupling gear and the Seddon SD4 24-ton-gross prime mover.

A directory and quick guide to the accessory and workshop equipment stands are given on pages 514-517. New products are also described.

A.E.C.

Stand 116-A.E.C., Ltd., Squire Street, Whiteinch, Glasgow.

TWO representative vehicles from the A.E.C. goods and passenger ranges are shown. The lorry is a Mercury Mark II 14-ton-gross platform vehicle of 17-ft. 3-in. wheelbase powered by an A.E.C. 7.7-litre six-cylindered direct-

injection oil engine developing 112 b.h.p. at its maximum rated speed of 2,000 r.p.m.

A five-speed synchromesh gearbox is incorporated, and the rear axle of the vehicle displayed is a spiral-bevel unit. The single-speed double-reduction axle, which is an option for this chassis, is shown separately in sectioned form. Other features of the Mercury specification include air-pressure brakes and helper springs for the rear suspension as standard.

Scottish Omnibuses, Ltd., are to operate the other vehicle shown. This is a 16-ft. 4-in. wheelbase underfloorengined Reliance coach chassis with a 30-ft. single-deck body by Walter Alexander and Co. (Coachbuilders), Ltd.

Powered by an A.E.C. 6.75-litre 98 b.h.p. horizontal oil engine, the Reliance has a five-speed gearbox and a spiral-bevel rear axle similar to that of the standard Mercury. Brakes are hydraulic with vacuum assistance, and 9.00-20-in. (10-ply) tyres are fitted.

On the engine the drive to the dynamo and water pump is now by gears. The Alexander body is of light-alloy construction with 41 seats and provides good luggage capacity in a boot and containers on each side of the body concealed by traps in the skirting.

A sectioned working model of the A.V. 690 11.3-litre six-cylindered oil engine completes the display.

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ALBION

Stand 112-Albion Motors, Ltd., Scotstoun, Glasgow, W.4.

Stand 121-Millburn Motors, Ltd., 51-79 Millburn Street, Glasgow, N.1.

Stand 126—Walter Alexander and Co. (Coachbuilders), Ltd., Glasgow Road, Falkirk.

PRIDE of place on the Albion stand goes to a representative of the new Chieftain Series II range, described in The Commercial Motor last week. The show vehicle is a 13-ft, 6-in. wheelbase CH3AXL haulage model in chassisand-cab form.

It is powered by the new Albion 5.5-litre four-cylindered oil engine, which develops 94 b.h.p. at 2,200 r.p.m., 252 lb-ft. torque at 1,250 r.p.m., and differs structurally from the former Chieftain engine in having a nitrided crankshaft with replaceable strip bearings and a C.A.V. DPA-type injection pump incorporating a hydraulic governor.

A revised layout has been adopted for the hydraulic clutch withdrawal mechanism, and the vehicle on display has the optional sixth-speed overdrive ratio added to its constant-mesh gearbox. As before, the Albion double-reduction rear axle is used, but the braking system is now assisted by a 9½-in.-diameter Hydrovac unit. The Chieftain Series II haulage range is rated for a gross weight of 103 tons.

of 104 tons.

Also shown in chassis-cab form is an Albion Reiver 6 x 4 model for 10-ton payloads. An interesting feature of this

chassis is the manner in which the drive

is conveyed from a relay gearbox, behind the main five-speed unit, through separate shafts to the two bevel-drive doublereduction rear axles. A Leyland 0.375 110 b.h.p. oil engine powers the Reiver.

Both the Reiver and the Chieftain have the easy-entry forward-control cab first introduced for the Series I Chieftain last year. This is of pressed-steel construction and incorporates a step ahead of the front axle normally covered by the leading edge of the door.

The third exhibit on the Albion stand is a Claymore underfloor-engined delivery vehicle chassis with a boxvan body. It can carry a 5-ton payload and is powered by the Albion 4.1-litre four-cylindered horizontal oil engine which produces 72 b.h.p. at 2,000 r.p.m. A 5.5-litre engine complete with six-speed gearbox, and a sectioned double-reduction axle are included in the Albion display.

millburn Motors show a Clydesdale CD.21TR tractor with the standard Albion cab. It is designed to operate at a gross train weight of 18 tons. Albion passenger vehicles are represented by a Nimbus on the Walter Alexander stand. This has a 29-seat coach body.

ATKINSON

Stand 108—John Mitchell of Greenock, Ltd., 4 Gray Place, Greenock.

A GARDNER 5LW 7-litre oil engine, producing 94 b.h.p. at 1,700 r.p.m. and 300 lb.-ft. torque at 1,300 r.p.m., powers the Atkinson L745L 16-ft. wheelbase chassis shown on this stand. It has a five-speed constant-mesh gearbox and

an overhead-worm rear axle. Vacuum assistance is provided for the hydraulic braking system, and tyres are 11.00-20 in. (12-ply). The vehicle has a 20-ft. platform body manufactured by the exhibitors, and a standard Atkinson plastics cab with a wrap-round wind-screen.

AUSTIN

Stand 86—Taggart's (Motherwell), Ltd., Knowetop, Motherwell.

Stand 88-Valentine's Motors, Ltd., City Hall Square, Perth.

Stand 89-Lambs Garage, Ltd., Trades Lane, Dundee.

Stand 93-A. C. Penman, Ltd., Dumfries.

Stand 96-Moir and Baxter, Ltd., Comely Bank, Edinburgh.

Stand 97—Carlaw (Cars), Ltd., 32-52 Finnieston Street, Glasgow, C.3.

Stand 108-John Mitchell of Greenock, Ltd., 4 Gray Place, Greenock.

INTEREST on Taggart's stand is centred upon the Austin 2-ton 200 model. This is a member of the new Austin medium-weight range described on page 483. It has the ingenious F.G. forward-control cab giving easy access and a remarkable range of vision.

The 2-tonner on show is powered by the B.M.C. 3.4-litre 68 b.h.p. oil engine and carries a drop-sided body. Also displayed by Taggart's is a tipping vehicle based on the Austin 7-ton forward-control chassis in which is a 5.1-litre oil engine. This vehicle is equipped with automatic chassis lubrication.

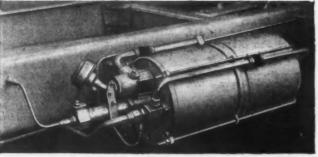
A 3-ton oil-engined model from the new low-loading range is exhibited by Penman. This vehicle also has the new F.G. cab, and other ways in which it differs from its predecessor include the use of 16-in.-diameter wheels and a vacuum-assisted braking system. An Austin A152 Omnivan is also shown.

A mobile showroom body for the Scottish Gas Board mounted on a 3-ton forward-control chassis is featured on the John Mitchell stand. The vehicle has a 3.4-litre oil engine and a composite body.

Penman have a forward-control 30-cwt. chassis with their own mobile-shop body. Half of the body is fitted out as a baker's shop and the other part for the dispensing of groceries. Also on this stand is a 7-ton forward-control chassis with a Penman two-deck cattle body panelled in corrugated aluminium sheets.

A Martin Walter mobile-shop conversion of the A152 15-cwt. chassis can be inspected on the Lambs Garage stand. It has a raised translucent roof giving adequate headroom and a light interior. Also exhibited is an Austin Gipsy 4 x 4 utility vehicle which has independent rubber suspension at all wheels and several other features of outstanding technical interest.

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For the Albion Chieftain Series II chassis the hydraulic braking system is now assisted by a Clayton Dewandre HSR.1950 unit which has an integral reservoir. This detail can be inspected on Stand 112.

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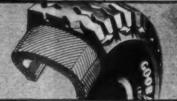
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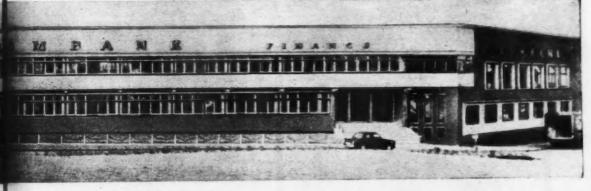
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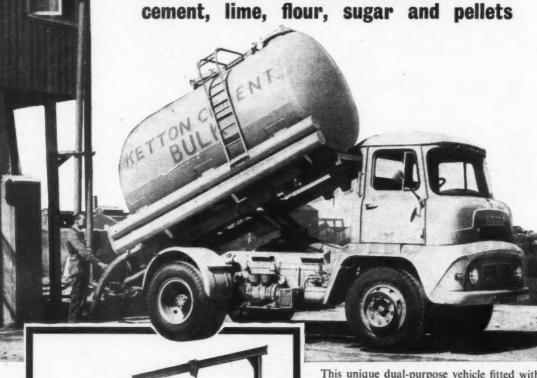
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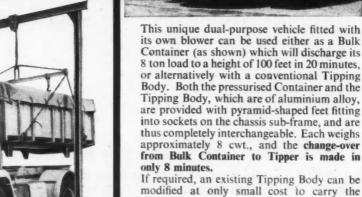
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Other Austin vehicles are shown by Valentine's Motors and Carlaw (Cars), Ltd. These are a 4-ton drop-sider and a 5-ton forward-control long-wheelbase chassis respectively.

REDFORD

Stand 99—S.M.T. Sales and Service, Co., Ltd., 39 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh. Stand 100—Croall and Croall, York Lane, Edinburgh.

Stand 107-Mackay and Jardine, Ltd., West Cross, Wishaw.

Stand 122-Watson Bros. (Airdrie), Ltd., High Street, Airdrie.

PROMINENT on the S.M.T. stand is a Duple Super Vega 41-seat coach based on the Bedford passenger chassis. The vehicle has the 300-cu.-in. oil engine, which also powers the 7-ton dump truck shown. The dumper has a 6-cu.-yd. all-steel body with Pilot tipping gear on a short-wheelbase forward-control chassis. It has a four-speed gearbox, a two-speed rear axle and, for arduous operation, a flitch-plated chassis frame and 9.00-20 in. (12-ply) cross-country tyres.

S.M.T. display as well a 4-ton normalcontrol long-wheelbase chassis in which is the 200-cu.-in, oil engine. This vehicle is one of the Bedford J range, introduced last year and making its first appearance at a Scottish Show. Noteworthy points are the use of 16-in.-diameter wheels and the practical cab. The model on view has an S.M.T. drop-sided body.

Watson Bros. show an oil-engined forward-control 7-tonner with a Weston tipping body and gear. It has a two-speed axle and heavy-duty chassis equipment. A new Martin Walter 12-seat conversion of the Bedford CAL 102-in-wheelbase 15-cwt, van is also on display, accompanying a 90-in-wheelbase CA chassis fitted with Smith's Cornette III ice-cream-dispensing bodywork.

Another tipper is exhibited by Mackay and Jardine. It is a long-wheelbase 7-ton forward-control chassis with a 300-cu.-in. oil engine and a two-speed axle. Edbro tipping gear is fitted beneath the Homalloy light body. Also on this stand is a 6-ton oil-engined normal-control

chassis and cab with a Telehoist tipping body.

The display is completed by a Martin Walter Workabus 12-seat conversion of the CA van, and a Kenex Kenebrake Special model on a similar chassis. A standard Kenebrake conversion of the chassis is shown by Croall and Croall.

COMMER

Stand 92-Melvin Motors, Ltd., 25-41 Kingston Street, Glasgow, C.5.

Stand 94—Claud Hamilton (Aberdeen), Ltd., 254 Union Street, Aberdeen.

Stand 95—Hamilton Bros., Ltd., Ralston Garage, 255 Glasgow Road, Paisley. Stand 104—James Ross and Sons (Motors), Ltd., Lochin, Tollcross,

(Motors), Ltd., Lochrin, Tollcross, Edinburgh, 3. Stand 105—The Scottish Automobile Co.,

Ltd., 7-8 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh, 1.

Stand 127-Munro Motors (Glasgow), Ltd., 243 Garriock Road, Glasgow.

BOTH Commer vehicles on the Melvin Motors stand are powered by the Rootes opposed-piston two-stroke oil engine. One is a 7-ft. 10-in. wheelbase forward-control tractor for 12-ton payloads. It has Scammell automatic coupling gear. A 9-ft. 7-in. wheelbase forward-control 7-tonner is the other vehicle shown. This model has a five-speed constant-mesh gearbox, whilst both vehicles have the air-hydraulic braking system offered as an option to the standard vacuum-assisted equipment.

A special exhibit is a sectioned working model of the multi-fuel version of the TS3 engine, which will run satisfactorily on fuels ranging from diesel oil through the kerosenes to low-octane petrol.

A Cob 7-cwt. van, in company with a forward-control 30-cwt. van, is shown by Claud Hamilton. The Cob has a 43 b.h.p. petrol engine and a four-speed synchromesh gearbox. A 2.2-litre 48.5 b.h.p. oil engine powers the larger van, which has a capacity of 300 cu. ft. The Perkins C305 almost-horizontal oil engine fitted to Commer medium-weight chassis is displayed separately.

This engine is found in the 5-ton forward-control drop-sider exhibited by

Hamilton Bros. It develops 87 b.h.p. and, in this application, is matched to a four-speed constant-mesh gearbox. Also shown are a Superpoise 15-cwt. all-steel pick-up of 9-ft. 4-in. wheelbase powered by a 56 b.h.p. petrol engine, and a Commer five-speed constant-mesh gearbox offered optionally for the larger models.

The recently introduced 1-ton forward-control van (which is in effect the 30-cwt. model shortened by 1 ft.) is to be seen on the James Ross stand. A steel body with a capacity of 280 cu. ft. is mounted on the 9-ft. 3-in. wheelbase chassis, and the vehicle on show has a 48.5 b.h.p. oil engine. A 7-ton oil-engined drop-sider of 13-ft. 6-in. wheelbase displayed has the standard four-speed synchromesh gearbox and vacuum-assisted brakes. The TS3 engine in normal form is another exhibit.

The Scottish Automobile Co. have a similar 7-ton drop-sider on show, but with the five-speed constant-mesh gearbox. They also display an Express delivery van with 109-cu.-ft. capacity and a 49 b.h.p. petrol engine.

A Perkins P6 oil engine is fitted in the Superpoise 5-ton normal-control tipping vehicle shown by Munro Motors. It has a four-speed constant-mesh gearbox and vacuum-assisted brakes. Also on view is a 30-cwt. forward-control van with a four-cylindered 48.5 b.h.p. petrol engine. The 2.2-litre oil engine, which is an option for this vehicle, appears as a separate exhibit.

DAIMLER

Stand 113—Transport Vehicles (Daimler),

A COMPLETE 73-seat double-deck bus dominates this stand. The CSG 6-30 chassis has a front-entrance high-bridge body by the Northern Counties Motor and Engineering Co. Powered by a Gardner 6LW 8.4-litre oil engine developing 112 b.h.p., the model has a David Brown gearbox with Porsche-type synchronizers for all forward gears. Airpressure brakes are included.

The Daimler chassis exhibit is the CVD 6-30 model with a CD.6 Mark VIII 8.6-litre direct-injection engine. Coupled to this engine is a Daimler Diamatic semi-automatic gearbox with two-pedal control. This chassis also has airpressure brakes, and automatic tubrication equipment employing flexible nylon tubing. Nylon is also used for the fuel pipes.

The chassis has been designed to operate with little servicing under difficult conditions. The front of the frame is boxed to increase rigidity, and the semifull front-end and cab structure is in plastics to reduce the weight imposed on the front axle.

A turbocharged version of the CD.6 Mark VIII engine is on show as a separate exhibit. Normally aspirated, this unit produces either 118 b.h.p. at 1,800 r.p.m. or 125 b.h.p. at 2,000 r.p.m. With pressure charging, the outputs are increased to 135 b.h.p. or 148 b.h.p. at the same speeds. Maximum torque at



This Thames Trader coach, which recently completed a non-stop journey from London to Moscow in 45 hours, is to be found in the demonstration park. It has a 6D oil engine, four-speed gearbox, two-speed rear axle and a Duple 20-seat body incorporating a toilet and a small galley.

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1,250 r.p.m. is raised from 358 lb.-ft. to 440 lb.-ft.

The Diamatic gearbox, which is available in all air-braked Daimler chassis, is another exhibit. This unit is a directair-operated four-speed epicyclic gearbox with electrical controls. Also displayed is the automatic "strut" brake adjuster manufactured under Clayton Dewandre licence. This device is on the CVD 6-30 chassis exhibited.

DENNIS

Stand 119-Central Motor Co. (Calderbank), Ltd., Calderbank, Airdrie. Stand 120-Dennis Bros., Ltd., Guildford,

WO examples from the extensive Pax III forward-control range form the Dennis display. A 14-ft. 6-in. wheelbase chassis with a 5.1-litre oil engine, fivespeed gearbox and spiral-bevel rear axle carries a special body made up of a platform, the front half of which is built up to form a boxvan with sliding doors. Telescopic dampers are fitted at the front axle, which has cam-and-double-roller steering gear. Tyres are 9.00-20-in. (12ply) all round.

The other Pax chassis carries a sixcompartment 900-gal. semi-elliptical tank. It is designed for carrying and dispensing lubricating oil, and is known as the D.B.10. The compartments in the tank each contain a different grade of oil and discharge through six separate outlets. The dispensing apparatus consists of six pumps, driven from the top gearbox power take-off, discharging the oil through delivery hoses mounted on drums. The hoses can each be extended to 30 ft.

Wheelbase of the tanker is 11 ft. 9 in., and it is powered by a B.M.C. 5.1-litre direct-injection oil engine which produces 105 b.h.p. at 2,600 r.p.m. A Dennis fourspeed gearbox is fitted and the brakes are vacuum assisted.

The Central Motor Co. show a Dennis Pax II 13-ft. 2-in. wheelbase chassis with the B.M.C. 5.1-litre engine. It has the standard cab and an 18-ft. 3-in. long platform body.

DODGE

Stand 111-Ritchies, Ltd., 36-44 Renfrew Street, Glasgow, C.2.

Stand 118-James Bowen and Sons, Ltd., 45-59 Pitt Street, Edinburgh, 3.

Stand 125-Dodge Bros. (Britain), Ltd., Mortlake Road, Kew, Surrey.

6-ton forward-control tipper exhibited by Dodge has the Perkins Six 305 5-litre oil engine, which is now a standard option for this chassis. new power unit produces 87 b.h.p. at r.p.m. In the 6-tonner it is matched with a five-speed gearbox. A similar vehicle is shown by Ritchies.

The other vehicle on the Dodge stand is the new 12-ton forward-control tractor powered by the Leyland 110-b.h.p. engine, and it is displayed coupled to a York semi-trailer. A five-speed gearbox and an Eaton 18;500 two-speed axle with electrical shift mechanism are included in the specification. The tractor has a wheelbase of 8 ft. 4 in. and can accommodate semi-trailers up to 26 ft. long.

Ritchies' two other exhibits are both 7-tonners. One is a short-wheelbase tipper and the other a long-wheelbase James Bowen have a platform lorry. 7-ton chassis and cab with a Bonallack bulk-cement container.

E.R.F.

Stand 118-James Bowen and Sons, Ltd., 45-59 Pitt Street, Edinburgh, 3.

FOUR-WHEELED and an eightwheeled chassis may be inspected here. The four-wheeler is an E.R.F. 54.G2 14-ton-gross vehicle of 15-ft. 10-in. wheelbase with a 20-ft. body giving a payload capacity of approximately 81 tons. Power is provided by a Gardner 5LW 94 b.h.p. five-cylindered oil engine.

A five-speed constant-mesh gearbox with direct-drive top gear is specified, and its ratios are doubled by the use of an Eaton 18,800 two-speed axle for the final drive. Electric shift mechanism is employed for the axle, which has ratios

of 5.14 and 7.02 to 1 providing a maximum speed of 40 m.p.h. and a claimed gradient ability of 1 in 3.7 at 14 tons gross. Suspension is by semi-elliptic leaf springs with assistance by rubber helper units at the front axle. The hydraulic braking system is assisted by a Hydrovac.

A Gardner 6LX 10.45-litre six-cylindered oil engine powers the 68.GX eight-This engine produces wheeler shown. 150 b.h.p. at 1,700 r.p.m. In the 18-ft.wheelbase chassis it is mounted in unit with a five-speed constant-mesh gearbox. Drive is taken from the gearbox output flange to the double-drive balance-beamtype rear bogie by a two-piece propeller shaft.

With a typical 24-ft. body, the 68.GX can carry a payload of approximately 16½ tons.

RODEN

Stand 117-Fodens, Ltd., Sandbach, Cheshire.

PAYLOAD of approximately 18 tons A PAYLOAD of approximately can be carried on the FED6/30 dumper exhibited by Fodens. The sixwheeled vehicle has a half-cab and an 11-cu.-yd. body reinforced with angle iron on the floor and bulkhead. The engine is a Foden FED Mark III six-cylindered supercharged two-stroke oiler which is now rated to develop 150 b.h.p. at 2,400 r.p.m. and 365 lb.-ft. torque at- 1,500 r.p.m.

A 12-speed double-underdrive gearbox multiplies the drive to the two doublereduction rear axles, which have a ratio of 5.2 to 1. The dumper has 11.00-24-in. (14-ply) front tyres and 15.00-20-in. (24-ply) equipment at the rear.

A Foden six-cylindered supercharged engine is also used for the KE6/24 eightwheeler. This model, which is shown in chassis-and-cab form, is suitable for a 24-ft. body. It has a five-speed gearbox and one driven axle in the rear bogie.

A powerful six-wheeled tractor for independent trailers completes display. This is an HGTU6/20 chassis with a special cab and a small body containing over 6 tons of ballast. It is 8 ft. wide and has a double-drive rear bogie made up of two double-reduction rear axles suspended on heavy-duty springs.

The engine is a Gardner 6LX 10.45litre oiler producing 150 b.h.p. at 1,700 r.p.m., driving through a 12-speed doubleunderdrive gearbox. Hydraulic power assistance is provided for the steering, and the tractor is fitted with a Darlington 70

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This bulk cement carrier is shown by James Bowen and Sons, Ltd., on Stand

Dodge 7-ton chassis and standard cab on which is

mounted a Bonallack cement container.

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Stand 123-Guy Motors, Ltd., Fallings Park, Wolverhampton.

BOTH vehicles exhibited by Guy have D the handsome forward-control cab first seen at Earls Court last year. One

is an Invincible Mark II four-wheeled tractor of 8-ft. 9-in. wheelbase fitted with a fifth-wheel coupling. This vehicle is powered by a Gardner 6LX 10.45-litre 150 b.h.p. oil engine, and has a six-speed gearbox and a doublereduction rear axle.

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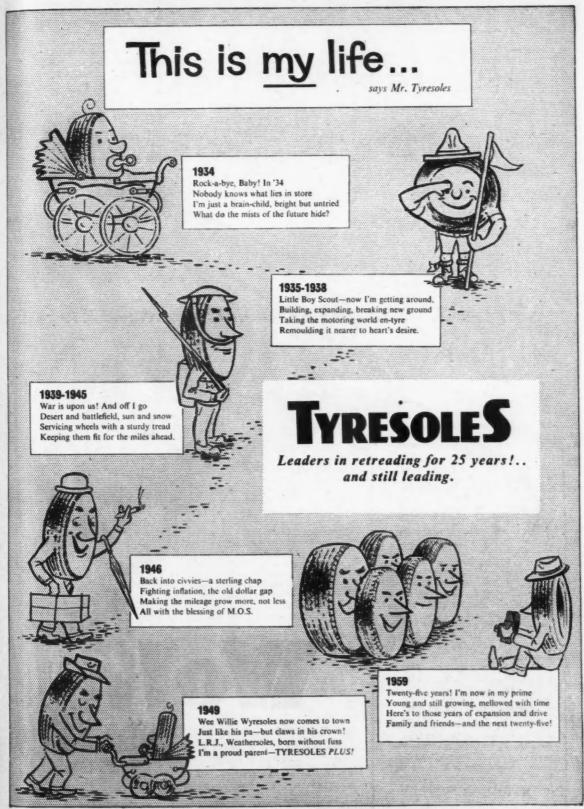
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The other vehicle is a 10-ft. 6-in. wheelbase Warrior chassis carrying a Telehoist 6-cu-yd. tipping body with tipping gear of similar manufacture. A steel lining is fitted to the wooden body. The Warrior has a 6.17-litre six-cylindered oil engine, with outputs of 110 b.h.p. at 2,400 r.p.m. and 285 lb-ft. torque at 1,100 r.p.m., driving a two-speed rear axle through a six-speed gearbox.

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Stand 104—James Ross and Sons (Motors), Ltd., Lochrin, Tollcross, Edinburgh, 3.

Stand 105—The Scottish Automobile Co., Ltd., 7-8 Queensferry Street, Edinburgh, 1.

THREE Karrier vehicles displayed by T. M. Erskine are a 1-ton forward-control mobile butcher's shop, another mobile shop based on a Bantam chassis, and a Bantam 4-5-ton tractor. Both the shop-bodied vehicles have four-cylindered petrol engines, whilst the tractor, which has a J-type automatic coupling, is powered by the 2.2-litre 48.5 b.h.p. oil engine—used for the lighter Commer models.

This engine is also fitted to the Bantam 2-3-ton forward-control van shown on Melvin Motors stand. This 10-ft. 2-in-wheelbase vehicle has 27 x 6-in. tyres. Claud Hamilton have on their stand a Gamecock 3-4-ton platform lorry with a wheelbase of 11 ft. 9 in. The Gamecock has the Perkins C305 six-cylindered oil

engine introduced last year.

It has a capacity of 5 litres and produces 87 b.h.p. at 2,000 r.p.m. and

The Morris F.G. 304 3-tonner has 16-in.-diameter wheels and a novel cab. It is a member of the new B.M.C. 2-4-ton range, examples of which are on Stands 81, 82 and 109. All three models in the F.G. range are powered by either a 3.4-litre oil engine or a 4-litre petrol unit.

208 lb.-ft, torque at 1,400 r.p.m. In the Gamecock it is inclined at an angle of 24 degrees from the horizontal to allow it to be mounted beneath the cab seat.

Various permutations of the Bantam 2-3-ton chassis are shown by the other exhibitors of this marque. Hamilton Bros. have an oil-engined platform lorry of 8-ft. 2-in. wheelbase, whilst James Ross show a 10-ft. 2-in. wheelbase model with a petrol engine. A 2-ton tipping version of the shorter chassis can be seen on the Scottish Automobile stand in addition to an oil-engined 2-3-tonner with mineral-water-carrying bodywork.

LAND-ROVER

Stand 85—James Gibbon (Motors), Ltd., 385 Parliamentary Road, Glasgow, C.4. Stand 106—Rossleigh, Ltd., 32 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh, 2.

THREE Land-Rovers are to be seen on the stand occupied by James Gibbon. Two of these are 88-in. wheelbase models, one with a petrol engine and the other with the Rover four-cylindered oil engine.

An oil engine is mounted also in the other Land-Rover. This is the 109-in.

wheelbase version. Additional exhibits are a special display chassis with a sectioned petrol engine, and a separate cut-away oil engine.

Rossleigh have a petrolengined 88-in. wheelbase model, and the longer chassis with an oil engine. The only station wagon shown is to be found here, and it is based on a short-wheelbase petrol engined chassis. It can carry seven passengers and 200 lb. of cargo or five passengers and 200 lb. of goods off the road.

Austin duplicate the Morris F.G., range, the only difference between the two manufacturers's models being the design of the front grille. The Austin 2-tonner shows clearly how the angled doors simplify entry, whilst the slim windscreen pillars and the front quarterlights give excellent vision.

LEYLAND

Stand 98—John Gibson and Son, Ltd., Jameson Place, Leith, Edinburgh, 6, Stand 114—Leyland Motors, Ltd., 4 Newton Place, Charing Cross, Glasgow, C.3.

Stand 121-Millburn Motors, Ltd., 51-79 Millburn Street, Glasgow, N.I.

THE main exhibit on the Leyland stand is a representative of the recently introduced Comet CS3 12-ton-gross range. It is a CS3. 3R model with a 21-ft. platform body and a 1,089-cu.-ft. container built by Holmes (Preston), Ltd.

The new Comets have the all-steel cab used previously for the Super Comet range. The O.350 100 b.h.p. engine drives through a five-speed gearbox, which has the option of an additional overdrive sixth ratio, and a double-reduction rear axle. Two-leading-shoe brakes at all wheels are another feature of the CS3 Comets.

On display for the first time at a Scottish Show is a Super Comet 8-ft. 1-in. wheelbase tractor. This vehicle is powered by the O.375 oil engine producing 110 b.h.p. at 2,400 r.p.m. and 285 lb.-ft. torque at 1,100 r.p.m. As on the Comet, a five-speed gearbox with an optional sixth speed, a double-reduction rear axle and the Vista-Vue cab are included in the specification.

Braking area for the air-pressure system is 623 sq. in. The tractor has Scammell fifth-wheel coupling gear. In payload-carrying form, the Super Comet is rated for a gross weight of 14 tons.

Completing the Leyland display is an Octopus 24.04 24-ton-gross eight-wheeler. It has a wheelbase of 17 ft. 9 in., carries a 24-ft. platform body and is powered by the 125 b.h.p. oil engine. A five-speed gearbox is specified and its output drives both rear axles. Optionally, the Octopus can have a single-drive rear bogie or a 150 b.h.p. engine. Air-pressure brakes operate on the leading front axle and on both axles of the rear bogie.

A Comet ECPO2.1R passenger chassis is the basis for a pantechnicon shown by Gibson. The body is manufactured in light alloy and has an interior floor length of 23 ft. It is 9 ft. 6 in. high, 7 ft. 6 in. wide, is built integrally with the cab, and gives the complete vehicle an unladen weight of 4 tons 10 cwt.



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Gibson also display a new Comet, a CS3.3R haulage model with a platform body. The 20-ft. platform has a special hardwood floor, and other non-standard equipment includes a cab roof rack and a

55-gal, fuel tank.

The only Leyland passenger chassis proper to be found in the Show appears on the stand of Millburn Motors. This is a new high-powered Leopard chassis with a Plaxton 41-seat coach body. The Leopard is powered by an O.600 125-b.h.p. underfloor horizontal oil engine driving a two-speed rear axle through a four-speed synchromesh gearbox. It has lively acceleration and, when tested by The Commercial Motor in its coach version, gave 15.1 m.p.g. at an average speed of 31.8 m.p.h. on a level route.

MORRIS

Stand 80-McLay's Garage, Ltd., Kirkin-tilloch.

Stand 81—The Fife Motor Co., Ltd., Halbeath Road, Dunfermline.

Stand 82—William Gillespie and Son, Ltd., 53 Love Street, Paisley. Stand 109—A. and D. Fraser, Ltd., 65 Springkell Avenue, Maxwell Park,

Glasgow, S.I.

Stand 110-The Westfield Autocar Co., Ltd., Westfield Avenue, Edinburgh, 11.

EXAMPLES of the new Morris F.G. forward-control range of 2-, 3- and 4-tonners described on page 483 are to be found on three distributors' stands. William Gillespie show a 4-tonner with a drop-sided body. A. and D. Fraser have an oil-engined 3-tonner on view, whilst The Fife Motor Co. exhibit a 2-ton drop-sider, also with an oil engine. All three vehicles have the novel cab designed by Morris for the new range.

William Gillespie also display an example of the Morris J2 Minibus, which complies with the public service vehicle regulations, and a \(\frac{1}{2}\)-ton pick-up. A \(\frac{1}{2}\)-ton van is exhibited by A. and D. Fraser in company with an LD.2 30-cwt. forward-control van. The Fife Motor Co. also display a \(\frac{1}{2}\)-ton van and a forward-control oil-engined tractor.

The Westfield Autocar Co. have on view a 1-ton van and a Kenex 11-seat conversion of the Morris J2 chassis which meets public service vehicle regulations. Their largest exhibit is a 7-ton oiler carrying a brewer's body. A sectioned 3-ton chassis is also shown.

Another 1-ton van can be inspected on McLay's stand, and comparisons may be drawn with the J2 van alongside it. Another vehicle here is a 5-ton oilengined chassis and cab fitted with a Bonallack light-alloy body.

SCAMMELL

Stand 84—Scammelt Lorries, Ltd., Watford, Herts.

THE oil-engined version of the Scarab 3-4-ton mechanical horse is the only Scammell tractor on this stand. The engine used in place of the Scammell petrol engine, which is still available, is the Perkins Four 99 1.6-litre four-cylindered unit producing 42 b.h.p. at 3,500 r.p.m.

For the new engine the final-drive ratio is altered to 7.5 to 1. A sectioned Scarab petrol engine and similarly prepared steering gear from the mechanical horse are separate exhibits.

To display their 12-ton automatic-coupling semi-trailer, Scammell show a new Bedford 12-ton tractor coupled to it. The semi-trailer, like the others in the range, has rolled-steel chassis side-members and tubular cross-members. A cambered tubular axle is fitted and this has 154-in.-diameter brake drums with 5-in.-wide linings. For 12-ton loads, the retractable undercarriage has been strengthened and the turntable is of increased diameter.

SEDDON

Stand 101—Moodie and Co., 27-29 Colston Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow. Stand 119—Central Motor Co. (Calderbank), Ltd., Calderbank, Airdrie.

Stand 128—Seddon Diesel Vehicles, Ltd., Oldham, Lancs.

ON view for the first time at any exhibition are two recent additions to the Seddon range. One is a forward-control tractor for 16-ton-gross train weight with a Scammell Mark II automatic semi-trailer coupling. It has a wheelbase of 7 ft. and is powered by the Leyland O.350 six-cylindered oil engine developing 100 b.h.p. at 2,200 r.p.m.

A five-speed constant-mesh gearbox is employed in conjunction with a singlespeed rear axle. It can be seen on the

Seddon stand.

The other relatively new vehicle is an SD4 tractor shown by Central Motors. This 9-ft. wheelbase prime mover is intended primarily for the export market, and is available in two forms for gross train weights of 24 or 32 tons.

The example on display has a Gardner 6LX 150 b.h.p. oil engine (other engines available are the Cummins HF-6 and the Gardner 6LW), a five-speed constant-

mesh gearbox and a double-reduction rear axle.

Also on the Seddon stand is an 11-ft. 6-in. wheelbase Mark 15/10 tipper. This is a 14-ton gross four-wheeler powered by the Leyland O.375 110 b.h.p. oil engine. A 15/10 chassis is also shown by Moodie, but in this case it has a wheelbase of 14 ft. 6 in. and carries a 20-ft. platform body.

The second vehicle on Moodie's stand is the Leyland O.350-powered Seddon

7-tonner.

STANDARD

Stand 83—Macharg, Rennie and Lindsay, Ltd., 16 Berkeley Street, Charing Cross, Giasgow, C.3.

Stand 103—Cameron and Campbell, Ltd., 171-181 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, C.2. Stand 106—Rossleigh, Ltd., 32 Chandwick Place, Edinburgh, 2.

STANDARD'S latest commercial vehicles, the Atlas van and pick-up, are exhibited for the first time at a Scottish Show. The chassis, which is powered by the petrol engine used for the 6-cwt. vehicles and the smaller Standard cars, incorporates a number of clever design features, including a divided chassis frame to simplify engine and front-suspension overhauls, and a narrow front track contributing to a turning circle of only 29 ft.

Macharg, Rennie and Lindsay show an Atlas van, a pick-up and a Kenex 12-seat passenger-carrying version of the van. A similar Kenex conversion of the Atlas is shown by Rossleigh in addition to a pick-up and a van with sliding doors. Also on view here is the latest 6-cwt. Standard van with restyled front-wing pressings. Further examples of the Atlas van and pick-up are to be found on Cameron and Campbell's stand.

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The Thornycroft Mastiff operates at 14 tons gross. It has a 7.88-litre oil engine producing 115.5 gross b.h.p. at 1,800 r.p.m. driving a spiral-bevel rear axle through a six-speed constant-mesh gearbox. Power assistance is provided for the steering as standard. A Mastiff with a 19-ft. platform body is shown on Stand 155.

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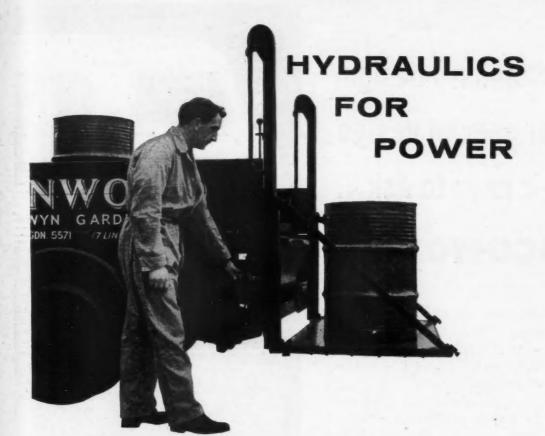
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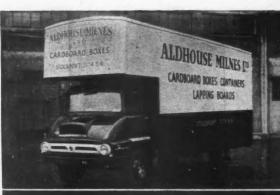
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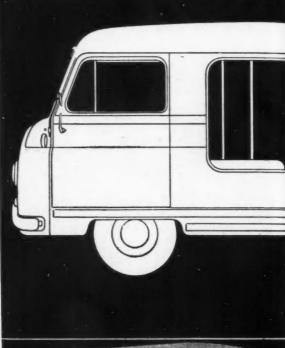
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Stand 91—Croft Bodybuilding and Engineering Co., Ltd., 1009 Gallowgate, Glasgow, E.1.

Stand 102—George and Jobling (Glasgow), Ltd., 160 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, C.2.

Stand 124—James A. Laidlaw (Airdrie), Ltd., South Biggar Road, Airdrie.

A THAMES Trader 12-ft. 8-in.-wheelbase model with a 2-ft. 1-in. Baico chassis extension is the basis for a 1,330-cu.-ft. van shown by Alexander's of Edinburgh in company with a Trader 13-ft. 4-in.-wheelbase 5-tonner with 17-ft. platform body.

Frew and Co. have a Thames 7-cwt. van and a Trader 7-ton platform lorry. The 7-tonner has the Ford six-cylindered 5.4-litre 10 b.h.p. oil engine and a

single-speed rear axle.

The low-loading version of the Trader
3-ton chassis is displayed by the Croft
Bodybuilding and Engineering Co. It is
shown with a composite Luton body
manufactured by the exhibitors and incorporating a drop-well at the rear.
Another example of the Trader lowloading range is an oil-engined 4-ton
chassis shown by James A. Laidlaw.

Wylie's have on their stand a Trader tractor of 7-ft. 9-in.-wheelbase with Taskers D.S. automatic coupling gear and connected to a low-loading 6-ton 1,300-cu.-ft. semi-trailer van. Also displayed here is a Kenex passenger-carrying conversion of the Thames 15-cwt. forward-control van.

Examples of the Thames 15-cwt. van and pick-up, in addition to a Trader 5-tonner, are shown by George and Jobling. Another Trader can be inspected on the stand occupied by the Paisley Motor Co.

THORNYCROFT

Stand 115 — Transport Equipment (Thornycroft), Ltd., 57-61 Bishop Street, Glasgow, C.3.

THE largest vehicle shown by Thornycroft is a Trusty forward-control eight-wheeler with a 24-ft.-long platform body. Advanced features of this chassis include the provision of continuous-flow hydraulic power-steering and air-pressure braking on all wheels as standard.

The Trusty is powered by a 9.83-litre six-cylindered direct-injection oil engine which has net outputs of 130 b.h.p. at 2,000 r.p.m. and 430 lb.-ft. torque at 1,200 r.p.m. A 16-in.-diameter clutch is used with the engine, and the gearbox fitted on the show vehicle is a five-speed unit with an additional overdrive.

Before the introduction of the Mastiff six-wheeler, described last week in *The Commercial Motor*, the Mastiff forward-control four-wheeled 14-tons-gross vehicle was the newest addition to the Thorny-croft range. The smaller Mastiff shown has a wheelbase of 14 ft, 6 in. and carries a 19-ft, platform body. It has a 7.88-litre 115.5 b.h.p. oil engine driving a spiral-bevel rear axle through a six-speed overdrive gearbox. The Mastiff, which is a repeat order for a Scottish operator,

h a s cam-and-double - roller steering with hydraulic assistance and an air-hydraulic system. Tyre equipment is 10.00-20-in. (14 ply) all round.

A Swiftsure forward - control four-wheeler is the third exhibit on this stand. It is powered by a 4.18-litre 85.5 gross b.h.p. oil engine which runs at up to 2,600 r.p.m.

TROJAN

Stand 118—James Bowen and Sons, Ltd., 45-59 Pitt Street, Edinburgh, 3.

ON this stand is the only Trojan vehicle in the Show. It is the latest forward-control 25-cwt. chassis fitted with a Bonallack 350-cu.-ft. body. The van is powered by a Perkins P3/144 three-cylindered oil engine.

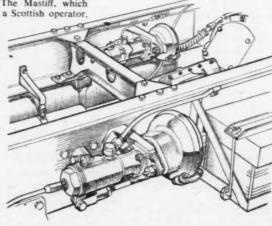
A four-speed constant-mesh gearbox is used in conjunction with a 4.55 to 1 ratio hypoid rear axle.

VOLKSWAGEN

Stand 100—Croall and Croall, York Lane, Edinburgh, 1.

Stand 103—Cameron and Campbell, Ltd., 171-181 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, C.2.

ALL-INDEPENDENT suspension and a rear-mounted air-cooled engine distinguish the Volkswagen from conventional British commercial vehicles. Croall and Croall show van and pick-up versions of the basic 15-cwt. chassis. Similar vehicles are displayed by Cameron and Campbell.





(Above) The new Thornycroft Mastiff 6 × 2, which can be inspected in the demonstration park, has a dual-circuit air-hydraulic braking system with separate servos for the driving axle and the first and third axles. (Left) A Perkins P3/144 oil engine powers the Trojan 25-cwt. van shown on Stand 118 by James Bowen and Sons, Ltd.

In the Park-

THE following goods and passenger vehicles are among those available for inspection or trial in the demonstration park outside Kelvin Hall:—

A.E.C.: Two Mercury Mark II goods vehicles; Mercury tractor unit with a York semi-trailer; Mammoth Major eight-wheeler; Reliance coach with Duple Britannia bodywork; Bridgemaster double-deck bus.

Commer: Nine haulage models and an Avenger coach (all at Claud Hamilton [Motors], Ltd.).

Guy: Wulfrunian double-deck bus with air suspension and disc brakes at all wheels.

Thames: Trader coach with Duple bodywork which recently completed a record run from London to Moscow.

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160—John Adams (Coach Supplies), Ltd., 7 Lister Street, Glasgow, C.4.
158—Edmunds, Walker and Co., Ltd., 114 George Street, Edinburgh, 2.
220—Irvine Electrical Services, Ltd., 116 Blythswood Street, Glasgow, C.2.
216—J. H. Lightbody and Son, Ltd., 147 North Street, Glasgow, C.2.
159—Messrs, G., and J., Paton, 97 Wellington Street, Glasgow, C.1.
132—James Robertson (Factors), Ltd., 95 West Nile Street, Glasgow, C.1.

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C.1.
135—Thomson and Brown Brothers,
Ltd., 126 George Street, Edinburgh

2. 197—Turner and Co. (Glasgow), Ltd., 65-69 Brown Street, Glasgow, C.1.

Makers' Addresses ACCESSORIES AND COMPONENTS

207—AC-Deleo Division of General Motors, Ltd., Durstable, Beds. 157—Adrolic Engineering Co., Ltd., Clober Works, Milngavie. 177—Automotive Products Co., Ltd., Tachbrook Road, Leamington Sna.

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146—Bramber Engineering Co., Ltd., 162 Blairtummock, Road, Queenslie Estate, Glasgow, 194—British Belting and Asbestos, Ltd., Cleckheaton, Yorks, 226—Car Plates, Ltd., 30 Elmbank Lanc, Glasgow, 140—W. E. Cary, Ltd., Blantyre Industrial Estate, High Blantyre, Glasgow,

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223—C.A.V., Ltd., Warple Way, London, W.3.

181—Champion Sparking Plug Co., Ltd., Feltham, Middx.

222—Chloride Batteries, Ltd., 40 Iureen Street, Glasgow.

145—Clayton Dewandre Co., Ltd., Titanic Works, Lincoln.

206—Cords Piston Ring Co., Ltd., 5-77 Scrubs Lane, London, N.W.10.

209—Doeker Brothers, Rotton Park Street, Birmingham, 16.

208—Duthie and Co., 20 Citizen Lane, Glasgow, C.2.

148—Edbro-B. and E. Tippers, Ltd. Quebee Street, Bolton.

173—Ferodo, Ltd., 84 Hanover Street, Edinburgh.

179—General Industrial Paints.

14d., 28 Wandsworth Road, Greenford, Middx.

190—Girling, Ltd., Kings Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, 152—Hepworth and Grandage.

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192—Park Bros., Ltd., Chapelhall
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166—Pilot Works, Ltd., Manchester
Road, Bolton.
175—Pritchett, Gold and E.P.S.
Co., Ltd., 137 Victoria Street,
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189—Raily-Klad, Ltd., 62 Albion

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178—Raybestos-Belaco, Ltd., 112118 North Street, Glasgow, C.3.
212—Ripaults, Ltd., Southbury
Road, Enfield, Middx.
191—Romac Industries, Ltd., Edgware Road, The Hyde, London, N.W.9.

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171—Simms Motor Units, Ltd., 95195 Finnieston Street, Glasgow.

185—Small and Parkes, Ltd.,
Hendon Vale Works, Manchester, 9,
167—S. Smith and Sons (England).

Ltd., 123-145 North Street, Glasgow,
C.3.

147-Tecalemit, Ltd., Plymouth.

201—Telehoist, Ltd., Swindon Lane, Cheltonham. 186—Thos. Thomson Sons and Co. (Barrhead), Ltd., Fereneze Works. Barrhead, Renfrews. 151—Trico-Folberth, Ltd., Great West Road, Bientford, Middx. 182—Hubert H. P. Trist and Co., Ltd., Top Dog Works, Bristington. Bristol.

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161—Tudor Accessories, Ltd.,

Silverdale Road, Hayes, Middx.,

163—Wm, Turner (Kismet), Ltd.,

44 Eyre Lane, Sheffield,

195—Welfit Manufacturing Co.,

Ltd., Adelaide Street, Halifax.

219—Wellworthy, Ltd., Lymington,

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141-Wingard (M.A.), Ltd., Kings-ham Road, Chichester, Sussex.

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134—Alex, Cheyne, Ltd., 77 Dec Street, Aberdeen.
129—East of Scotland Factors, Ltd., 87 Cowgate, Dundee.
130—The Garage Equipment Co., 68 Cadogan Street, Glasgow, C.1.
136—Lawrie Bros., Ltd., 16 Dixon Street, Glasgow, C.1.
133—Messrs, F. W. Murray, 34 Bath Street, Glasgow, C.2.
131—North British Machine Co., Ltd., 200 Clyde Street, Glasgow, C.1.

132-James Robertson (Factors), Ltd., 95 West Nile Street, Glasgow.

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137—Messrs, Swan, Tennent and McMeekin, 8 Dixon Street, Glasgow, C.1. 135—Thomson and Brown Brothers, Ltd., 126 George Street, Edinburgh, 2.

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142-Apascai, Ltd., Bowes House, Battle Road, Hailsham, Sussex. (Also special tools.) 202-John Bull Rubber Co., Ltd.,

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Tyre Manufacturers

224—The Avon India Rubber Co., Ltd., Mclksham, Wilts. 202—John Bull Rubber Co., Ltd., Evington Valley Mills, Leicester. 170—Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd., 48-60 North Wallace Street, Glas-gow, C.4. 144—Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co., Ltd., Brentford, Middx. CO., Ltd., Brentiord, Middx.
184—Fisk Tyres, Ltd., Leamington
Road, Edinburgh, 3.
198—Goodyear Tyre and Rubber
Co. (Great Britain), Ltd., Glasgow,
205—Henley's Tye and Rubber Co.,
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199—India Tyre and Rubber Co.,
Ltd., Inchinnan, Renfrews.

214—Michelin Tyre Co., Ltd., 81
Fulham Road, London, S.W.J.

169—North British Rubber Co.,
Ltd., Castle Mills, Edinburgh, 3,
172—Pirelli, Ltd., 222 Bothwell

Street, Glasgow, C.2.

Oil Suppliers

200-British Oil and Turpentine Corporation, Ltd., Glasgow. 204-Alexander Duckham and Co., Ltd., London, W.6. 215—Great Eastern Oil Co., Ltd., 372 Scotland Street, Glasgow, C.5. 154-Gulf Oil (Great Britain). Ltd., 6-7 Grosvenor Place, London, S.W.I.

Advances in Accessories

NSPECTION of the smaller stands around the periphery of Kelvin Hall allows the visitor to assess the advances made in accessories and components during the past two

Following their acquisition of the B.S.A. turbocharger design, C.A.V., Ltd., London, W.3, show a range of these units on Stand 223. Turbochargers of three basic frame sizes are displayed. These are for

engines with normally aspirated outputs from 50-400 b.h.p. The C.A.V. units are of radial-flow design, and continuously rated at a pressure ratio of over 2 to 1 with permitted intermittent ratings of 2½ to 1.

On this stand there is also the latest C.A.V. cold-starting aid, the Thermostart Mark III. It is a development of the earlier Thermostart which was operated by a solenoid. For the new model, the flow of fuel to the heater element is governed by a ball valve controlled by the expansion and contraction of a metal rod.

The rod is warmed by the heater, causing the valve to open as the coil reaches its operating temperature. When current to the heater coil is cut off, the rod cools rapidly and the valve closes.

Smaller Pump

The Minipump fuel-injection pump is suitable for oil engines running at up to 3.500 r.p.m. This unit is displayed by Simms Motor Units, Ltd., 95-105 Finnieston Street, Glasgow (Stand 171). By making the main pump body from steel instead of aluminium alloy, it has been possible to reduce the size of the new pump whilst making it extremely rigid. The pump is available in three-, four- and six-pumping element versions, and can be fitted to engines with capacities of from 2-9 litres. Either a pneumatic or the Simms G.M.V. centrifugal-type governor can be fitted to it.

On Stand 145 the Clayton Dewandre

The Passlite is a recent addition to the Notek Blue Spot range and has a stainless - steel rim. (Stand 139.)



Co., Ltd., Titanic Works, Lincoln, display the recently introduced Mot-A-Vac vacuum-servo unit for addition to the hydraulic braking systems of light The serve derives its power from manifold depression, and is supplied with piping and brackets for fitting.

When tested by The Commercial Motor (see issue dated October 16), it was found to give a useful improvement in braking performance. Also on view is a set of "plumbing" for a typical semitrailer air-suspension system, and airpressure-operated steering gear.

Replacement pistons which can be fitted in partly worn cylinders without reboring. even removal of wear ridges in the cylinder bores, can be inspected on Stand 152, occupied by Hepworth and Grandage, Ltd., St., John's Works, Bradford, 4. They are known as Pep pistons and can be used in cylinders in which maximum wear does not exceed 0.010 in.

The Cary-Laminaire progressive leafspring suspension, first displayed at Earls Court last year, is shown for the first time at Kelvin Hall by W. E. Cary, Ltd., High Blantyre, Glasgow (Stand 140). For this system a conventional

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main laminated-leaf spring is used, but instead of being attached to a shackle at its rear end the main spring bears on another short leaf spring.

Under light load, only the tips of the springs touch, but as the load increases the two springs come together. This shortens the effective length of the main spring and stiffens the suspension.

To give protection against rust and corrosion, the Champion Sparking Plug Co., Ltd., Feltham, Middx, have developed a new finish for the metallic portions of their sparking plugs. is a zinc-plating process and part of the range of new plugs can be found on Stand 181.

In addition to their numerous driving lamps, Marchal Distributors, Ltd., Great West Road, Brentford, Middx (Stand 150), exhibit, for the first time, their French-made sparking plugs.

Non-fouling Plugs

On Stand 207, the AC-Delco Division of General Motors, Ltd., Dunstable, Beds, display their Hot-Tip sparking These plugs use a new insulating material, and the insulator itself is formed at its tip to provide a local hot spot which burns away combustion deposits and, it is claimed, almost eliminates fouling.

A similar non-fouling characteristic is offered by the Road and Town sparking plugs to be seen on Stand 211, occupied by Lodge Plugs, Ltd., Rugby. These plugs have an extended insulator nose which is said to make the plug equally amenable to slow-speed running and to sustained high-speed operation.

As usual, Norris, Henty and Gardners, Ltd., 124 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow (Stand 156), are the only engine manufacturers with a stand at the Show. Their

exhibit is an example of the 10.45-litre 6LX engine first introduced just over a year ago and fitted to a number of chassis at the exhibition.

The automatic transmission system which uses magnetic-particle clutches, and which is fitted to certain Rootes Group vehicles, is shown by S. Smith and Sons (England), Ltd., 123-145 North Street, Glasgow, C.3, on Stand 167. The device could be applied to light vans.

New vehicle radios known as the Radiomobile 500T and 50T series are also on display. They incorporate transistors, are designed to operate from a 12-v. supply and cover the mediumand long-wavebands.

On Stand 175, Pritchett, Gold and E.P.S. Co., Ltd., 137 Victoria Street, London, S.W.I, show examples of the Dagenite Sheerline battery. This unit has a one-piece lid in place of individual covers for each cell. There are no protruding metal parts, other than the positive and negative main terminals, making cleaning easier and reducing the risk of corrosion.

For the bright parts of their Blue Spot 130 series of fog and driving lamps, the Notek Electric Co., Ltd., Bromley, Kent (Stand 139), are now using stainless steel. The Passlite long-range driving lamp on show is a recent addition to the range. Also displayed is the Flaremaster battery-powered flashing or non-flashing beacon for warning of obstruction at, for instance, a breakdown on the road.

The Duo-matic spraywipe windscreen washer is displayed by Trico-Folberth, Ltd., Brentford, Middx (Stand 151). With this device the control for the spray also actuates the wipers. A delay switch brings the wipers into operation after the spray and stops them at the end of a set period. An instantaneous-action, vacuum-operated washer known as the Vaco-Matic is also on show.

Widely differing new products of the company include a washing compound known as Glo-Wash. It is said to give a smear-free finish.



(Left) A one-piece lid is used for the Dagenite Sheerline battery to simplify cleaning and reduce the risk of corrosion (Stand 175). The Runbaken Rear-guard device (right) gives visual warning of rearlight failure (Stand 138).



Four new products are displayed by Runbaken Electrical Products, 45 Oxford Road, Manchester, 1 (Stand 138). The Rear-guard warning device is fitted in the cab and gives a visual indication, by means of a warning light, of failure of either the rear or number-plate lights.

Automatic switching-on of side and tail lights at lighting-up time is provided by the Lite-Master control. It consists of a probe, sensitive only to natural light and not affected, therefore, by street lighting, and a control box. In operation, the switch on the box is put in the "on" position before the vehicle is left. The probe reacts to the decrease in outside light as dusk falls or fog forms, and switches on the parking lights.

Cheap Heater

An attraction of the Runbaken Cosycar cab heater is its price of £3 5s. The unit produces warmth by convection of air past a "black-heat" electric element. It has an average current consumption of 7-8 amp., and is wired so that it can be used only when the dynamo is on charge. The other new component to be seen is a 6-v. or 12-v. ignition coil which is smaller than previous models.

Manufactured by G. E. Jones and Sons (Machine Parts), Ltd., and exhibited by Messrs. G. and J. Paton, 97 Wellington Street, Glasgow, C.2, on Stand 159, is a new paper-element cartridge-type lubricating-oil filter produced as a replacement for cloth-type elements provided as initial equipment on certain engines.

Wax polish in solid or liquid form

containing silicones is shown by Duthie and Co., 20 Citizen Lane, Glasgow, C.1 (Stand 208).

On Stand 143, G. E. Neville and Son, Ltd., Nottingham Road, Mansfield, show in addition to their range of pre-formed light-alloy body sections, an automatic opening and closing device for tipper body tailboards. The equipment is safeguarded against obstacles jamming the tailboard.

Making its debut on Stand 199 is the Super Low Loader tyre manufactured by the India Tyre and Rubber Co., Ltd., Inchinnan, Renfrews. It has a non-directional, bold tread pattern which, it is said, gives long even wear under stop-start conditions.

The tyre has a kerbing rib on both sidewalls to facilitate changing covers round on a vehicle. India also state that the method of construction adopted originally for the G.17 model, and indicated by a red flash on the cover, has now been extended to cover all their giant tyres. Examples can be seen.

The Michelin Tyre Co., Ltd., 81 Fulham Road, London, S.W.3 (Stand 214), show their recently introduced XC steel-cord tyres for light vans. At present these are available only in 6.00-16-in. and 6.50-16-in. sizes.

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On Stand 205 Henley's Tyre and Rubber Co., Ltd., Melksham, Wilts, display their new Maxi-Miler tyre. This cover has a wide, flat, ribbed-pattern tread made from an improved rubber compound. The design is intended to reduce heat build-up, and the tyre incorporates a heavy kerbing rib.

The Unistell tyre is prominent among the exhibits of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. (Gt. Britain), Ltd., 172 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, C.2 (Stand 198). Radial bracing from bead to bead by single-ply steel cords is incorporated in the design, whilst the tread is stabilized by a steel breaker strip.

This method of construction braces the tread, reducing wear and, it is said, providing improved traction and greater sidewall flexibility.

Shown also in sizes to suit light vans is the Goodyear Motorway Special tyre which employs nylon cord in its construction and, as its name implies, is intended to withstand sustained high speeds.

For vehicles operating off the road in quarries and similar locations, the Dunlop

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India giant tyres now carry a red flash to denote a different method of casing construction (Stand 199).



The Goodyear Unisteel tyre has single-ply steel cords and a steel breaker strip in its casing (Stand 198).



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Rubber Co., Ltd., 48-60 North Wallace Street, Glasgow, C.4, offer the Powergrip Major tyre shown on Stand 170. It has a thick tread with a deep pattern, and is said to have better wearing qualities and greater resistance to cutting than the Power Grip tyre which it supersedes.

A new giant tyre, available in all popular sizes, is exhibited by the John Bull Rubber Co., Ltd., Leicester, on Stand 202.

Latest in Service Equipment

MAINTENANCE engineers will find a comprehensive range of modern transport service equipment at Kelvin Hall. For the testing of oil engine injectors, a new testing rig is shown by Simms Motor Units, Ltd., 95-105 Finnieston Street, Glasgow, on Stand 171. It is totally enclosed in a Perspex cabinet to protect the operator from spray and allow close inspection of the injector under test. A sliding panel provides access to the interior and the equipment is displayed



The Simms injector testing ring is eclosed in a Perspex cover to protect the operator from spray, whilst allowing him to inspect closely the unit under test (Stand 171).

in forms for bench or stand mounting.

Apaseal, Ltd., Bowes House, Hailsham, Sussex (Stand 142), have improved their Aquarium tubeless-tyre testing tank. It is now made from a one-piece plastics moulding supported in a steel cradle, and can be used for testing light commercialvehicle tyres in addition to all car tyres. A buffing solution known as Buffezy is another new product on show.

A special display of equipment for use by appointed garages when the vehicleinspection scheme comes into being is made on Stand 135 by Thomson and Brown Bros., Ltd., 126 George Street, Edinburgh, 2.

Smokemeter equipment, for measuring the density of smoke in the exhaust from oil engines, manufactured by Leslie Hartridge, Ltd., is exhibited by Turner and Co. (Glasgow), Ltd., 59-71 Brown Street, Glasgow, C.2 (Stand 197).

Shown for the first time by Messrs. F. W. Murray, 34-36 Bath Street, Glasgow, C.2, on Stand 133 is the 8080 crankshaft grinder produced by Prince (Kingston) Engineers, Ltd.

ments, food and rubbish within 40 miles

by the Metropolitan Deputy Licensing

Authority. The B.T.C., Sunderland (Herts) Hauliers, Ltd., and Messrs. Humphreys and Son responded.

The appellant said that he had brought

letters from potential customers and

could call a witness, but Sir Hubert stated that it would be contrary to the Tribunal's practice to examine evidence

which the Authority had not heard. Mr.

Turnley could not succeed on the evi-

dence he had produced before the

The president advised Mr. Turnley, a

farmer, to think carefully about his pro-

In the Appeal Court

Threat," Say B.T.C. **B-licence Growth**

THREAT to other hauliers" was how Mr. C. R. Beddington, for A THREAT to other naturers was now and the British Transport Commission, described the growth of services under B licence by Budleigh Transport, Ltd., Exeter, before the Transport Tribunal in London last week. The history of the business indicated a back-door" entry into haulage, he said.

The Tribunal reserved their decision in this case. In two others an appellant was unsuccessful, and a decision of the Eastern Licensing

Authority was reversed.

Transfer Opposed

THE Commission appealed against the Western Licensing Authority's addition of four vehicles to Budleigh's A'licence. These vehicles were surren-dered from the company's B licence and were to carry mainly coal, clay, lime and agricultural requisites within 100 miles.

Mr. Beddington said that the respondents had built up a substantial business within a short time by licence variations which increased their tonnage. In 1948, a B licence was granted for one vehicle to run within three miles. There were now four B-licensed vehicles carrying clay to Bristol and returning with goods for one main customer.

There was no objection to legitimate expansion based on evidence, but an application for a complete switch from B to A required close investigation. Mr. Beddington contended that the variation was granted without proof of need: it was based on economic convenience to Budleigh.

For the respondents, Mr. J. R. C. Samuel-Gibbon explained that his clients wished to relieve strain on their A-licence vehicles by bringing the B-licensed vehicles under A. The company had never asked for more than they needed. They had been able to do their work only

No New Evidence

ONE of the unsuccessful appellants, Mr. R. W. Turnley, Chorley Wood, was advised to make a fresh application after Sir Hubert Hull, president, refused to allow new evidence to be produced.

Mr. Turnley had been refused a B licence for a vehicle to carry farm imple-

VETERANS RETURN

FOUR vintage buses, the oldest nearly

Mr. Herbert Jones, president of the

Lincoln Vintage Vehicle Society and

general manager of Lincoln Transport

Department, aims to give the buses a

new lease of life by running trips in

them next summer for society members.

Renovation and repairs will be carried

out by members during the winter.

40 years, are to go back on the road.

posed service before making a new application. A service extending for 40 miles would embrace London. That was a big bite."

Authority.

Loss of Vehicle

A B licence for one vehicle was taken away from Mr. Alex Whatling, Ipswich, trading as East Anglian Delivery Service. He had sought two vehicles from the Eastern Licensing Authority and appealed against the half-grant.

Appellant told the Tribunal that one vehicle was insufficient to serve his three customers within 70 miles, and he could not make his business pay.

There were cross-appeals by the B.T.C., Ipswich Delivery Service and Sage Transport. Sir Hubert said that the Authority's grant was wrong. The evidence had not shown any need for a further service as proposed by Mr. Whatling.

The cancellation would come into effect

on January 1, 1960.

under exceptional strain, reflected in the figures produced and drivers' overtime. Decision will be given on November 17.

Parked Vehicles that Cause Accidents

By Our Legal Adviser

ALTHOUGH parking a vehicle has become one of the endless games of chance that all drivers are forced into playing against authority, and, of course, the police in particular, there is one aspect of it that probably exercises the average driver's mind far too little. That is the effect of what he is doing upon other road users and what would be his own position if an accident occurred.

I suspect that a driver's first thoughts when seeking somewhere to stop, pace the Highway Code, are more likely to be concerned with whether he is safe from the eye of a policeman who might book him for the offence of "obstruction" than whether he is safe in the wider context of road safety generally. The law has itself contributed to this attitude by the very magnitude of the parking problem seen in the light of the thousands of summonses for this offence which clutter so many of the courts.

In addition, the belief that anyone who runs into a stationary object has only himself to blame probably assists a good deal in the attitude that so long as one is stationary the other fellow should look after himself.

Back to the Donkey

This belief was fostered by the famous donkey case of Davies v. Mann, where the driver of a horse-drawn vehicle was held to blame for running down a donkey which, though stationary, was tethered in the middle of the road. The argument was that the horse driver had had the "last opportunity" to avoid the collision. In the light of modern conditions and of two recent cases, it is clear that close thought ought to be given by every driver when stopping on the highway to his position if an accident occurs while he is parked—either by direct involvement in the collision or by indirect means by his mere presence. This is necessary not least in his own interest.

There are frequently cases of vehicles running into the back of other unlit stationary vehicles at night. No longer is it the answer in this sort of case to say that the fault must always be that of the overtaking driver, because he was either not keeping a proper lookout or he was driving so fast that he could not pull up within the range of his vision. In those events the responsibility for the accident is generally split between the two drivers.

Blame on Stationary Vehicle

But suppose one runs into the back of a lighted vehicle at night—can that ever be anyone's fault but one's own? A recent case shows that, even here, the driver of a stationary vehicle may, quite likely, have to take some part of the blame.

The facts of Aston v. Mattacott were that a motorcyclist was killed by running into the off-side rear wing of a stationary vehicle on a long straight main road. The vehicle driver had stopped to fasten his bonnet, which had worked loose. He had chosen to stop—albeit for only about half a minute—in the exact centre of the left-hand half of the road and almost exactly under an overhead railway bridge. It being impossible to prove that the car's lights were off before the accident—the only witness was dead, and, although off immediately afterwards, they might have been broken in the crash—the deceased motorcyclist's next of kin as plaintiff was forced to rely upon the allegation that the stupidity of the motorist in stopping where he did had contributed to the accident.

The Driver of a Moving Vehicle May Not be Solely to Blame if he Collides with One that is Stationary

The point was, of course, that by his stopping in the exact spot where a moving vehicle would be, and where it would be most unlikely that any driver would stop when he could pull in either before or after the bridge, the overtaking motorcyclist was misled into believing he was overtaking a moving vehicle. Even if it were doing 5-10 m.p.h. he could almost certainly have swerved out, but he was clearly on it before he realized it was stationary. This allegation of negligence was accepted by the judge, who found the driver of the car one-fifth to blame, and the Court of Appeal refused to interfere with this finding—a result which is of considerable significance.

In Murray v. Park Brothers (Liverpool), Ltd., the third defendants were the owners of a van parked near the scene of an accident between the plaintiff's motor scooter and the first defendants' vehicle, driven by their servant, the second defendant. The van had been parked and left unattended so near to the junction of two roads that it obscured the view of both the plaintiff and the first defendants' driver when approaching the junction. Both the motor scooter and the other vehicle were going somewhat too fast.

Responsibility Apportioned

It was argued that a stationary parked vehicle could not be held responsible in any degree for an accident between two other vehicles, but the judge rejected this argument. He held that, although the plaintiff was 30 per cent. to blame herself for the accident, the defendants were together responsible for 70 per cent. Of this amount, he apportioned four-fifths as representing the first and second defendants' share of the blame and one-fifth as representing the third defendants' blame for the faulty parking of their van, which caused the other two vehicles to get into the position that they did.

It can clearly be seen that if a driver stops a vehicle on the highway in such a manner as either to mislead other road users or to confuse them in any way, there may be a finding of negligence against him in a civil action, whether this vehicle was involved in a collision or not.

In both these cases the proportion of blame that the stationary vehicle had to bear was the comparatively low one of one-fifth, but, of course, even this could amount to a large sum if the total damages were really heavy. It is, in any case, indicative of a trend that the principle of the old donkey case should have been ignored in both cases.

Nowadays traffic moves so fast and is so thick that any act which might reasonably mislead or confuse another road user is negligent notwithstanding that the latter is also to blame. Parking should always be carried out in the light of that thought.

[These points should be borne in mind by provincial authorities who may be considering following London's example and permitting the parking of unlit vehicles in streets at night. This practice is particularly dangerous in fog, although it has little to commend it at any time.—ED.]

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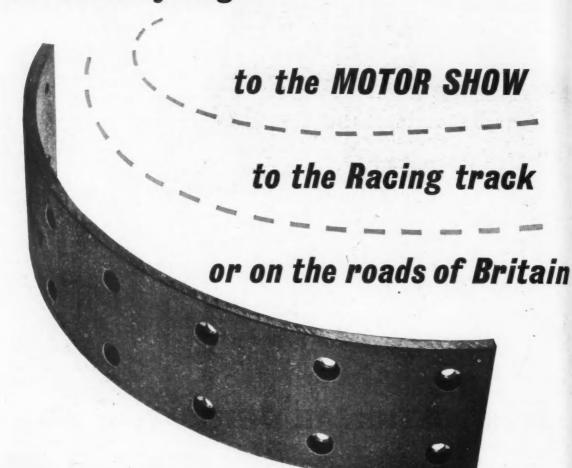


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TAKE CARE In Choosing a Vehicle

HEN a new vehicle has to be obtained, the requirements of the traffic are obviously the prime factors affecting selection. Platform space and carrying capacity have to be considered in relation to the kinds of journey and delivery to be made. Ancillary operators are often more favourably placed than hauliers when making a choice, as C-licensees have the better opportunity to match their vehicles to specific traffics, and even, in some instances, known terminal points.

Most buyers, however, have to compromise. The wide range of vehicles offered by manufacturers usually permits a user to obtain a vehicle to suit his needs, but there is the possibility that a wrong choice could be made if all factors are not reckoned with.

Most manufacturers offer many variations to their basic chassis specifications. There is also a diversity of types of body which may be fitted to a selected chassis. Ultimately, the cost of operating the vehicle will be the only yardstick to determine whether a successful purchase has been made. It is therefore important to bear in mind the relationship between the 10 items of operating cost which go to make up the total, and the effect which variations in specification can have

Two-speed Axle

When a basic chassis has been decided upon, such additions as a two-speed axle could reduce fuel cost. More generous tyre equipment, though increasing initial price, could more than compensate for this by better wear.

A haulier may be undecided about the ideal size of vehicle for the varying traffics he has to carry. Where the loads are available, the maximum-capacity vehicle must obviously return the lowest cost per ton, but, with increasing competition and declining traffics in some areas, a smaller model may prove more economic. Only a careful examination of the operating costs of possible alternative vehicles will permit a reasonable assessment to be made.

Because of the improvement in design, there is today less variance of opinion between fleet engineers and their colleagues in the traffic department about what constitutes an ideal vehicle. With the greater range of vehicles now offered by the quantity-production manufacturer, more consideration has to be given to a policy invôlving frequent replacement of vehicles of low initial cost. Not only traffic requirements but trading tradition and custom have a strong influence in this respect.

It is now common for trade and industry to operate with small stocks. This has meant that the frequency of deliveries has increased, a result which, in turn, has underlined the importance of terminal facilities. Special bodywork can facilitate speedy turn-round, but a vehicle suited to only one kind of work has limited scope for return loads, and low residual value.

Articulated vehicles show to advantage when platform length is more important than weight-carrying capacity. It is appropriate to quote the legal maximum overall gross weights for the different types of vehicle: four-wheeler, 14 tons; six-wheeler, 20 tons; eight-wheeler, 24 tons; drawbar trailer, 14 tons. A rigid vehicle may be no longer than 30 ft. and an articulated 35 ft. A drawbar trailer must not exceed 22 ft., but there is no limit laid down for the combined length of a prime mover and trailer.

Although buyers naturally give most thought to technical specification, the high proportion of wages in total operating cost should not be overlooked. The smaller the vehicle, the greater the proportion of wages, as the following details relating to a 10-cwt. van averaging 200 miles per week show: Assuming the unladen weight is 18 cwt., annual licence duty will amount to £12 10s. or the equivalent of 5s. per week. Where a full-time driver is employed, wages are estimated to be £9 4s. 3d. per week. This allows for insurance contributions and holidays with pay. Rent and rates are assessed at 7s. per week, and vehicle insurance at 7s. 6d., based on an annual premium of £18 15s.

Capital Outlay

Allowing for a nominal interest rate of 3 per cent. on the initial price of £485, the weekly charge on the capital outlay is 5s. 10d. This gives a total of £10 9s. 7d. for the five items of weekly standing cost.

Fuel consumption would normally be assessed on an average of 29 m.p.g., but much stop-and-start work would probably be involved. Allowing a 10-per-cent. increase because of this, fuel cost per mile would amount to 1.70d. where bulk purchases were made at 3s. 9d. per gal. Lubricants are assessed at 0.16d. per mile.

With a set of tyres costing £33, and an estimated mileage life of 20,000, this item of running cost will amount to 0.39d., whilst maintenance is reckoned at 1.24d. per mile.

As opposed to the time method, depreciation is calculated on mileage, and vehicle life in this instance is reckoned at 75,000 miles. The sum to be written off is obtained by deducting the cost of a set of tyres and the residual value from the initial price. This results in a depreciation cost of 1.25d. per mile.

Here again, however, some allowance has to be made for obsolesence resulting from the low weekly mileage, and depreciation will be increased to 1.37d. These five items of running cost total 4.86d. per mile.

Expressed as a cost per week, these items amount to: fuel, £1 8s. 4d.; lubricants, 2s. 8d.; tyres, 6s. 6d.; maintenance, £1 0s. 8d.; depreciation, £1 2s. 10d.; total, £4 1s. 0d. Total operating costs thus become £14 10s. 7d.

Of this amount, wages represent 63.41 per cent., even when the week's work is completed in 44 hr., whilst fuel represents 9.75 per cent. Because interest at 2.01 per cent. and depreciation at 7.86 per cent, are together less than 10 per cent. of the total, it is obvious that any addition or improvement to vehicle design which facilitates increased productivity by the driver would be well worth while. Whilst the addition to the initial cost of £100 spent on a time-saving device would add only 5s. or 6s. per week to the standing cost, a 5-per-cent. increase in productivity may well raise traffic revenue by £1.

An operator may be undecided as to the size of vehicle to purchase. I will give the relative operating costs of a 5-, 6- and

7-ton oiler to exemplify this kind of comparison.

Dealing first with the 5-tonner, an unladen weight in the 21-3-ton category gives a weekly licence cost of 14s. Wages again amount to £9 4s 3d., whilst rent and rates are 10s. 6d. With an annual premium of £33, vehicle insurance would be the equivalent of 13s. 2d., whilst interest charges amount to 15s. 1d., based on an initial cost of £1,250.

With oil fuel purchased in bulk at 3s. 10d. per gal. and an average consumption rate of 18 m.p.g., the fuel cost per mile is 2.56d. Lubricants are reckoned at 0.24d., and tyres 1.27d., on a mileage life of 30,000. Maintenance is assessed

at 2.00d. per mile.

Assuming a mileage life of 150,000 applies to all three vehicles, to facilitate comparison, the depreciation cost comes to 1.50d. per mile for the 5-tonner. Total running costs thus amount to 7.57d. per mile.

If all three vehicles average 600 miles a week, the running cost for the 5-tonner is £18 18s. 6d., giving a total of

£30 15s. 6d. as a weekly operating cost.

As the unladen weight of the 6-tonner, although a little higher, would probably remain in the same category, licences again are 14s. per week. Wages, however, will now be paid relative to the 5-10-ton class and will be increased to £9 11s. 6d. The remaining three items of standing cost will also be slightly raised. Rent and rates will be 11s., insurance 15s. 2d., and interest 15s. 11d. per week. Total standing costs are £12 7s. 7d.

With a fuel-consumption rate of 16 m.p.g., fuel costs 2.88d. per mile for a 6-tonner. Lubricants remain the same at 0.24d, but tyres are increased to 1.35d. per mile because of the slightly higher cost per set. Maintenance is assessed at 2.18d and depreciation 1.58d. per mile, assuming the initial price to be £1,325. The total funning cost per week for the 6-tonner is £20 11s. 6d., and the total operating cost £32 19s. 1d.

For the 7-tonner, licences will be reckoned at 15s. 6d. per week, with unladen weight in the 3-31 ton category, whilst wages will be the same as for the 6-tonner at £9 11s. 6d. Rent and rates are now assessed at 11s. 6d., insurance 17s. 2d. and interest 18s. 3d., giving a total standing cost per week of

£12 13s. 11d.

Fuel cost is calculated at 3.07d. per mile, lubricants 0.25d., and tyres 1.48d. Maintenance is increased to 2.34d. and depreciation to 1.84d., based on an initial cost of £1,525. For the 7-tonner, running costs amount to £22 9s. per week and

the total operating cost is £35 2s. 11d.

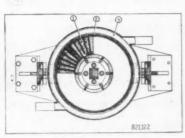
To have a 6-tonner instead of a 5-tonner therefore involves spending an additional £75 on the price, and £2 3s. 7d. more in weekly operating costs (10s. 7d. extra on standing charges and £1 13s. running costs). To have a 7-tonner instead of a 5-tonner means £275 higher initial outlay and £4 7s. 5d. more in weekly operating costs (16s. 11d. extra on standing costs and £3 10s. 6d. running expenses).

From such comparisons, operators could then determine, relative to their own traffics, the amount of partial loading that could be permitted on larger vehicles before it outweighed the

advantage of extra capacity.

Eddy-current Braking

PATENT No. 821,122 describes an eddy-current braking system for road vehicles. The brake covered is claimed to withstand continued heavy use without overheating or fading. An additional advantage is that no current is drawn from the vehicle batteries so that electrical failure will not affect the opera-



tion of the brake. (Philips Electrical Industries, Ltd., Spencer House, South Place, London, E.C.2.)

By employing modern high-flux magnet materials the mechanism can be made very compact. Referring to the drawing, a rotor comprising a ring of magnets (1) is mounted on a convenient part of the transmission, the poles of the magnets being laid alternately north and south on the periphery.

Around the magnets is the stationary portion, comprising a thin copper tube (2) and outside this an iron ring to complete the magnetic circuit. mechanism is so compact, heat must be c60

dissipated quickly and this is done by enclosing the stator in a water-jacket (3) which is connected to the main engine

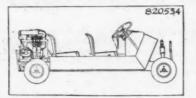
cooling system.

The braking action arises from the copper tube acting as a complete shortcircuit to the current generated in it as it moves through the magnetic field. To obtain the "brake off" position no switchgear is used, the stator being slid endwise out of the plane of magnetic flux. For this purpose, the stator is on rollers which run on guide rails.

A FOLDING VEHICLE

VEHICLE that can be folded for A air transport is the subject of patent No. 820,534. (J. Dolphin and Hydraulic Developments, Ltd., 12 Station Road, Reading.) The drawing shows the vehicle ready for the road. It is built on a central backbone chassis and the road wheels are suspended on parallel-link motion arms to enable them to be raised to the vertical position for stowage above the frame.

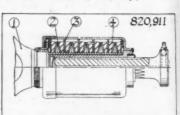
The bodywork consists of a pair of punt-like units; these hinge around the tubular frame to fold upwards. All the



controls are carried through the central chassis member. When the bodywork is folded up, it forms a crate-like structure with the chassis at the bottom. The body members are watertight and will allow the vehicle to float on water. The specification has seven sheets of drawings describing the details and references are made to an earlier patent numbered 687,794.

A RESILIENT COUPLING

RESILIENT coupling for insertion A in short propeller shafts is described in patent No. 820,911. (H. Happ, H. Hartz and R. Bardt, Im Sachsenlager 15, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.)



The drawing shows the joint which is located in the propeller shaft close to the fork (1) of the normal universal joint. The latter drives an inner member carrying a number of V-section rings (2). Interleaved with these are inwardly projecting rings (3) fixed to the outer casing, which is in turn connected to the propeller shaft.

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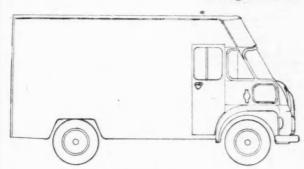
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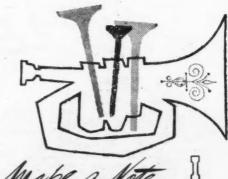
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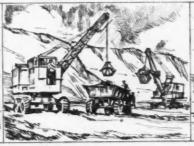
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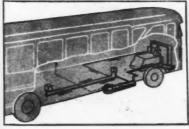
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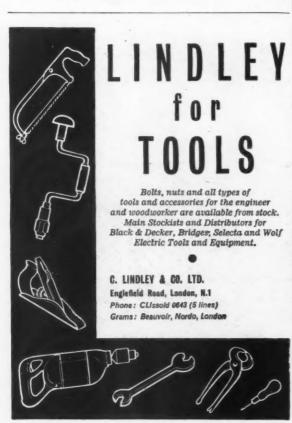
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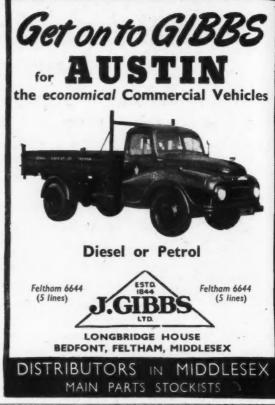
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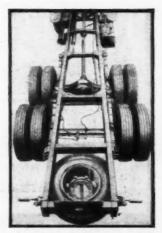
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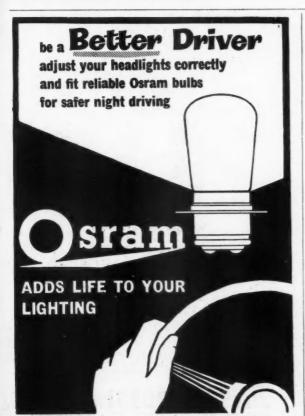
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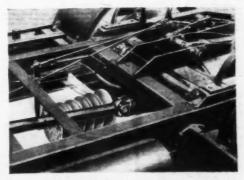
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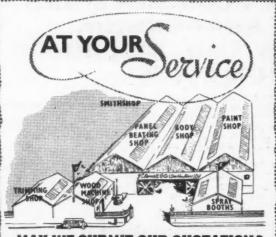
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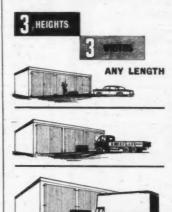
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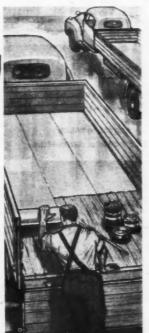
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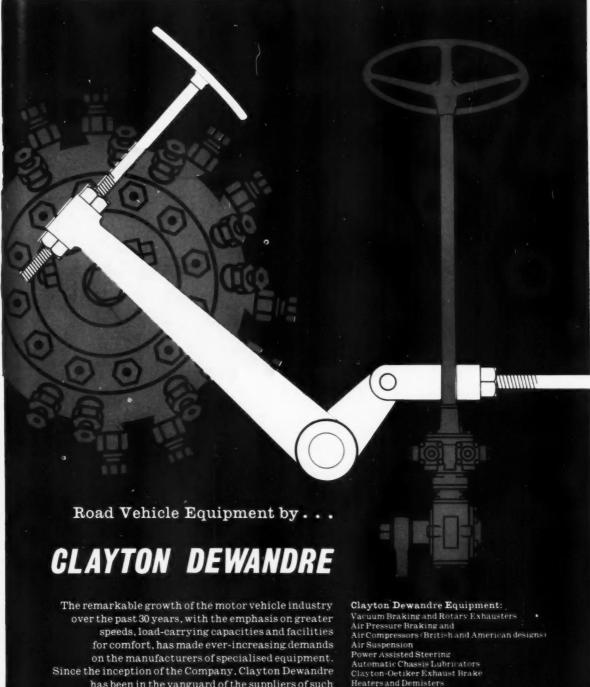
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